

February 1, 2011

Dear Mayor Hieftje,

In the wake of the Virginia Tech shootings and a tragic local gun fatality a group of physicians met with you in 2007 about the issue of prevention of gun violence. During the discussion we talked about Mayor Michael Bloomberg's newly formed coalition of mayors (Mayors against Illegal Guns) concerned about this issue. In the aftermath of the shootings in Tucson this bipartisan coalition (now with 550 mayor members) has proposed doing more about gun background checks (<http://mygunchecks.org/background-checks>); specifically: 1) getting all of the names of people who should be prohibited from buying guns into the background check system and 2) requiring a background check for every gun sale in America.

We urge you and City Council to get behind this initiative and, if you have not done so, we urge you to join the mayors' coalition.

Yours truly,

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