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Mayor Eddie Melton responds to Indiana House Bill 1235 targeting Gary

As someone who has experienced gun violence personally, I believe it is critical that we have the legal ability to hold bad actors accountable and to ensure the ongoing safety of our public. Indiana House Bill 1235 removes the rights of Gary and any Indiana community to represent itself in a court of law.

The City of Gary is committed to public safety and improving the health and wellbeing of its residents. Guns however, do not respect municipal borders. We have seen many tragic instances in which guns sold by irresponsible dealers were trafficked into the hands of our citizens, resulting in terrible tragedies.

It is time for Indiana policymakers to respect and honor the stories of our families and communities who have been affected by gun violence, by passing responsible gun reform legislation. Unfortunately, what we see is a morally bankrupt bill that protects the rights of manufacturers and disregards the lives of people in communities like Gary.

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