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Mayor Coleman Young
1126 City County Building
Detroit, MI 48226

Dear Mayor Young:

In 1986, 365 children were shot, one for each day. Of these, 35 were murdered, often by other children, and eight more committed suicide or were accidentally killed with a gun.

The most recent deaths were Jamelle Williams (December 19), Rodney McRae (December 31) and Stephenson Colbert, twelve years old. Stephenson was killed accidentally by a gun on New Year's eve. The other two children were found shot to death -- one in a drug house, the other in the trash.

We need to control the availability of handguns to keep this human slaughter from continuing in 1987. The City Council deserves enthusiastic congratulations for passing the mandatory sentencing legislation, and the Mayor deserves a grudging thanks for grudgingly signing it into law. But, it is not enough.

We need a freeze on gun sales in Detroit and we need a limited ban on gun ownership in the city. Otherwise, this list will keep growing and growing:

Tommie Moore, 13
Demetrius Bradford, 15
Anthony Totten, 16
Monyai McDaniels, 13
Don Terry Jones, 16
Jessie Washington, 15
Julian Chirstopher, 16
Cherie Lynn Malone, 16
Ramale Winchester, 15
Kent Raines, 16
Verita Crawford, 16
Lamar Hart, 16
Lorenzo Xavier Fortner, 1
Robert Salter, 16
Jerrell Philpot, 15
Cecil Daniels, 15
Donna Olinger, 15
Eric Bullery, 15
Calvin Sanders, 15
Derrick Barfield, 15
Kenneth Newsome, 7
Ronald Carter, 16
Marlo Morales, 16
Tanisha Baldwin, 8
Melody Rucker, 16