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Honorable Coleman A. Young, Mayor
Room 1126 City-County Building
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Mayor Young:

I'm asking for your support of the Handgun Ordinance proposed by Councilwoman Mahaffey and others.

I had a 16 year old son murdered with a 9MM handgun in July of this year and my 15 year old son was critically wounded in the same incident. The problem started at Northwestern High School and ended 3 blocks away. The killer is an 18 year old student who said he purchased his weapon on the street for \$25.00 and took it everywhere with him, including to school everyday. The trial is over and the killer will be back on the streets in a few months.

I have been in communication with many of the other parents of murder victims under the age of 16. These people are in pain and hurting over the death of their children, and the realization that their murderers are "walking"; many without spending even one day in jail or the youth home.

I realize this 30 day mandatory sentence is not a "cure all" for the crimes committed in this city, but in a situation where there is nothing, it is something.

Your response to this letter would be greatly appreciated.

HELP US SAVE OUR CHILDREN

Sincerely yours,

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