

Mayor Adams' Statement on President Biden's ATF Nominee and Ghost Gun Rule

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NEW YORK – New York City Mayor Eric Adams, co-chair of Mayors Against Illegal Guns, today released the following statement on the nomination of a new Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) director and the finalization of a rule to rein in the proliferation of ghost guns:

“The Biden administration today is taking important steps to sever the iron pipeline that delivers deadly weapons to New York City, where guns are not made and are too frequently used.

“The NYPD has taken nearly 1,800 guns off the street this year alone, yet the guns just keep flowing into our city — leaving a trail of death and destruction in their wake. In order to do their part in damming the rivers that feed the sea of gun violence, the ATF needs a permanent director and Congress should immediately turn their attention to confirming this critical nominee. An agency needs a strong and permanent leader to truly get stuff done for Americans — and there is no issue more important than ending the gun violence we’re seeing across the nation.

“At the same time, the Biden administration deserves real credit for taking strong steps to tackle the problem of ghost guns — the type of gun that was responsible for the tragic death of a 16-year-old child in the Bronx on Friday. Untraceable ghost guns are just as deadly as any other firearm, and they should be treated as such, not as a novelty item or a curiosity.

“And let’s be clear – these actions are not enough. We need an aggressive ATF, we need more regulation from Congress, and we need our entire federal government to be focused on addressing this crisis.”

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