

Mayor Adams' Statement on Proposed Bipartisan Deal in U.S. Senate Tackling Gun Violence

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NEW YORK – New York City Mayor Eric Adams today released the following statement in response to the proposed bipartisan deal struck in the U.S. Senate to tackle some of the causes of gun violence across the United States:

“If enacted, this framework would be an important step in the right direction, and one of the few productive measures Congress has taken in decades towards ending the scourge of gun violence facing our city and country.

“The measures included — incentives for red flag laws, enhanced background checks, stronger penalties to deter straw purchasing and trafficking, additional funding, and more — are part of the comprehensive actions I called for in my testimony on Capitol Hill last week and they begin to dam some of the rivers that lead to the sea of gun violence. Congress should pass them quickly, and then press for more progress.

“I am grateful to Senator Murphy and Senator Cornyn for their leadership, and for Senate Majority Leader Schumer for allowing them the space to reach this agreement. As usual he, and the entire New York delegation, are fighting fiercely for the gun safety measures we need.

“When it comes to gun violence, it is high noon in America, and today it looks like we’ll soon have one victory under our belt. But, to be clear, these bipartisan proposals must be the beginning of federal progress, not the end.”

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