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MAYOR NUTTER SIGNS GUN LEGISLATION PASSED BY COUNCIL

Philadelphia, April 10, 2008 – This afternoon, Mayor Michael A. Nutter signed 5 pieces of gun legislation sponsored by Councilmembers Clarke and Miller. These measures passed City Council earlier today with a vote of 17-0. The signing took place in front of one of the three evidence rooms where seized guns are held. 5,085 guns were taken off the streets by police in 2007 alone.

“Over the last two years, 84% of murders in this City involved handguns. That is unacceptable and needs to be stopped,” said Mayor Nutter. “There is no reason for a citizen of Philadelphia to own an assault weapon like those on the table before me.”

The Laws Signed Today:

- **Temporarily Removes Guns From Individuals Declared to be a Risk to Themselves or Others** – Pursuant to a order by a judge, guns will now be able to be removed from individuals who are proven to be a danger to themselves or others.
- **Prohibits People with Protection from Abuse Orders Against them from Having Guns** - Under this legislation, individuals with protection from abuse orders against them can no longer purchase or possess a gun.
- **Mandates Reporting for Lost or Stolen Guns** - The law fines owners if they fail to report a lost or stolen firearm to a local law enforcement official within 24 hours of discovering the loss or theft.

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- **Prohibits Assault or Contraband Weapons in Philadelphia** – This law prohibits the sale or possession of contraband or assault weapons and ammunitions from the City of Philadelphia.
- **Limits the Purchase of Weapons to One Gun a Month and Deters Straw Purchasers** – Now gun buyers are required to obtain a “30 day eligibility report” from the Philadelphia Police Department certifying that the buyer has not purchased another gun within the past month. If the eligibility reports indicate that a purchaser has obtained more than one handgun in any 30 day period, then that person will be considered a trafficker in handguns.

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