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**MIDWEST MOMENTUM:
MINNEAPOLIS POLICE CHIEF JOINS CALL TO PASS
BAN ON LARGE CAPACITY AMMUNITION MAGAZINES**

*Joins LAPD, Major Cities Chiefs Association, and NYS Association of Chiefs of Police
calling for common sense restrictions to protect officers and neighborhoods*

MINNEAPOLIS, MN – Minneapolis Police Chief Timothy J. Dolan today called on Congress to pass the ban on large capacity ammunition magazines (H.R. 308/S. 32), of the type used in the January 8, 2011 shooting in Tucson, AZ, which left 6 dead and 13 wounded.

“The Minneapolis Police Department has 866 sworn officers and 150 civilians serving close to 400,000 people, we need every advantage we can get. That’s why I’m calling on Congress to pass a comprehensive, nationwide federal restriction on large capacity ammunition magazines to maintain peace on our streets, and protect our officers. Law enforcement should not be out gunned by criminals: it’s just common sense,” said Chief Timothy J. Dolan.

Large capacity ammunition magazines were made illegal as part of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, commonly known as the federal assault weapons ban, but Congress failed to renew the ban when it expired in 2004. A large capacity ammunition magazine was used to carry out the recent shooting in Tucson, allowing the gunman to fire more than 30 bullets in 15 seconds.

Chief Dolan’s support for the ban comes just days after the Los Angeles Police Chief Charles Beck, City Attorney, Mayor, and City Council President voiced their support, in addition to the Major Cities Chiefs Association and New York State Association of Chiefs of Police. Minneapolis is the first police department in the Midwest to officially support the ban.

"Police officers risk their lives to protect our communities, and we have a responsibility to protect *them* from gratuitous violence. There’s no reason that any civilian needs 30 plus rounds of ammunition: police officers shouldn’t have to confront that much firepower, it’s not fair,” said Richard Aborn, President of the Citizens Crime Commission of New York City.

Since 2004, lethal large capacity ammunition magazines have been used in every mass shooting in the United States. Examples include: 2007 Virginia Tech: 32 dead, 15-round magazines, hundreds of shots fired; 2009 Binghamton, NY: 13 dead, 30-round magazine, 99 rounds fired; 2010 Hartford Beer Distributor, CT: 8 dead, 2 wounded, large capacity ammunition magazines.

The Minneapolis Police Department joins a growing list of supporters including:

- Los Angeles Police Chief Charlie Beck (CA)
- Major Cities Chiefs Association
- New York State Association of Chiefs of Police
- Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa (CA)
- Los Angeles City Attorney Carmen Trutanich (CA)
- Los Angeles City Council (CA)
- New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg (NY)
- New York City Councilwoman Gale Brewer (NY)
- Former Vice President Dick Cheney
- U.S. Conference of Mayors
- Vincent D'Onofrio, actor
- Colin Goddard, VA Tech shooting victim
- Kelly O'Brien, fiancée of Tucson shooting victim Gabe Zimmerman
- Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence
- Citizens Crime Commission of New York City
- Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence
- Faiths United to Prevent Gun Violence
- New Yorkers Against Gun Violence
- States United to Prevent Gun Violence
- Violence Policy Center

The Citizens Crime Commission of New York City is an independent nonprofit organization working to make criminal justice and public safety policies and practices more effective through innovation, research, and education. In the last three decades, the Crime Commission has been a leader on key issues such as: expanding the use of DNA evidence in crime fighting, creating innovations that reduce juvenile crime, developing interventions against gun violence and illegal gun crime, and highlighting the changing nature of the threat of terrorism.

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