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**30<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF BRADY SHOOTING:  
PHILLY POLICE CHIEF & MAYOR CALL ON CONGRESS TO  
PASS BAN ON LARGE CAPACITY AMMUNITION MAGAZINES**

*Upcoming 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Jim Brady's shooting sparks onslaught of support from law enforcement to reinstate the ban, over 100 co-sponsors in Congress*

*Philly joins LAPD, Minneapolis PD, NYSACOP, Providence PD, and Major Cities Chiefs Association for common sense restrictions to protect officers and neighborhoods*

PHILADELPHIA, PA—Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter and Police Commissioner Charles Ramsey today joined a growing momentum of law enforcement organizations, calling on Congress to pass the ban on large capacity ammunition magazines (H.R. 308/S. 32), of the type used in the January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011 shooting in Tucson, AZ, which left 6 dead and 13 wounded. The call comes just days before the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the assassination attempt on President Ronald Reagan. The shooting critically wounded Reagan's press secretary, Jim Brady, and sparked historic gun control reforms in the United States. *Jim and Sarah Brady are expected in Washington, DC on Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.*

“There is simply no legitimate reason not to have this ban in place,” said Philadelphia Police Commissioner Charles H. Ramsey, who also serves as President of the Major Cities Chiefs Association. “It protects all citizens of this country, not just law enforcement officers. This is a very reasonable step toward demonstrating that as a nation, we are committed to public safety.”

“Large capacity ammunition magazines, which turn a semi-automatic pistol into a weapon of mass destruction, have no place on our streets and in our communities. As we have witnessed through countless tragedies throughout our country, bad people will do bad things when given access to these magazines. Cities, states and the federal government must work together and devise common sense gun regulations that protect the lives, rights, and well-being of all Americans,” said Mayor Michael A. Nutter

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.

“It's unconscionable that 30 years after Jim Brady's near fatal shooting we're still having

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this debate. The growing momentum of support from law enforcement across the country should send a clear and unassailable message to Congress: this isn't about Republicans or Democrats, it's about protecting cops and keeping the public safe," said Richard Aborn, President of the Citizens Crime Commission of New York City, and the former President of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence (1993-1996).

Since 2004, lethal large capacity ammunition magazines have been used in every mass shooting in the United States. Examples include: 2007 Virginia Tech, VA: 32 dead, 17 wounded, 15-round magazines, hundreds of shots fired; 2008 Northern Illinois University, IL: 5 dead, 21 wounded, 33- and 15-round magazines, over 50 shots fired; 2009 Binghamton, NY: 13 dead, 4 wounded, 30-round magazine, 99 shots fired; 2009 Fort Hood, TX: 13 dead, 34 wounded; multiple 30- and 20-round magazines, over 200 shots fired; 2010 Beer Distributor, CT: 8 dead, 2 wounded, 17-round magazines.

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

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

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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