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**Mayor Yvonne M. Spicer Signs Statement of Principles Issued by
Mayors Against Illegal Guns**

Framingham, MA – This week Mayor Yvonne M. Spicer signed the Statement of Principles issued by Mayors Against Illegal Guns, a program of Everytown for Gun Safety. Since the founding of Mayors Against Illegal Guns over a decade ago, the 1,000-member coalition has united Mayors nationwide in promoting common-sense policies to reduce gun violence, which includes extending background checks to all gun sales, fighting illegal gun trafficking, and sharing local strategies that save lives.

“I stand with Mayors Against Illegal Guns and the countless others working to end gun violence in our country. We cannot continue to stand by while our children are no longer safe in classrooms or public parks. We will not sit in silence or live under the threat of violence perpetuated by individuals with access to military grade firearms,” said Mayor Yvonne M. Spicer. *“We are working hard here in Framingham to keep our community safe. In partnership with the Middlesex Sheriff’s Office, during the 2016 Guns for Gift Cards Initiative, 174 weapons and hundreds of rounds of ammunition were safely turned into the Framingham Police Department for proper disposal. We are planning our next gun buyback which will occur April 28 2018.”*

The office of the Mayor pledges to work in collaboration with community leaders and city agencies to continue working to end the epidemic of gun violence.

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