



Statement from Dayton City Commissioners

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Statement from Commissioner Matt Joseph

As we begin the work of healing following the heinous act of violence that took place in our city this past weekend, we must hold our lawmakers accountable, and demand they protect our residents, by passing common sense gun safety legislation at both the state and federal levels.

I reiterate the words of the crowd gathered at Sunday's vigil: "Do something!" We have witnessed mass shootings occur far too frequently throughout the country over the last few years, and now this tragedy has also happened here in the city that I am honored to serve. I believe we can take this opportunity to honor those who have suffered by taking a stand for change and for common sense.

And, please join me in continuing to pray for the families of those whose lives were taken, and for the many whose lives have been broken and disrupted. As many have already recognized, we Daytonians come together when our neighbors are in need, and we are doing so again. I'm very proud to represent the citizens of Dayton, and I am confident we will rise to this severe challenge, as we have many times before.

Statement from Commissioner Jeffrey J. Mims

First and foremost, I want to continue to send condolences to all of the families affected by this horrific tragedy. It hurts to know that the shooter chose to bring a tragedy of this magnitude to innocent people. We have a resilient and steadfast history of unity that is built on holding each other up and coming back stronger.

Our president has the ability to take action for our community, and I hope he does. I hope that the hurt and pain of the victims spurs laws related to gun control, mental health, and background checks. The majority of Americans prefer enhanced gun laws in some form and the individuals who were elected by them

have not done enough to do so. We stand at a crucial crossroad where we have the chance again to finally create meaningful reform in several areas for the safety of our children, citizens, and community.

Statement from Commissioner Christopher Shaw

Our community has continued to prove again and again that we are survivors, and that we are a gritty, resilient city. We have endured much over the last few months, including out-of-town individuals who tried to spread their hate in our city, 14 area tornados, and then this devastating mass shooting over the weekend.

We are heartbroken. We are tired. And we are angry. Angry that we are not the first, and not even the last community to experience this tragedy. As our citizens who came together at a vigil over the weekend said, we want action. We want to "Do Something."

I commend Governor DeWine and Representative Turner in their proposals and steps over the last few days to support increased, sensible gun control along with increased access to mental healthcare. But they are not enough. I urge the President to take action, and stand with many across the country who are ready for change.

Statement from Commissioner Darryl Fairchild

President Trump,

Before visiting Dayton, Ohio, you need to know something about us. We value people who clearly and consistently say what they mean--and more importantly, do what they say.

As a city commissioner, I had the privilege of being on the stage as we prayed and honored those who were killed on Sunday morning. You may have heard that the crowd became impatient listening to long statements from elected officials. The crowd's message was, and is, clear: Do Something!

You can do something today. You can demand that Congress put legislation on your desk mandating universal background checks, limiting magazine sizes, and expanding "red-flag laws." You can announce this demand here in Dayton.

And even while pushing Congress to do its part, you can begin to use the power of the Executive Branch to promote technologies and practices within the gun industry that will save lives. You can join mayors and police chiefs across America (including our mayor in Dayton) who are promoting state-of-the-art locks and other products that will prevent gun theft, suicides and the use of guns by unauthorized shooters. Some of those products are available now, while others will need significant federal R&D funding.

The first step is to hold a federal Gun Safety Tech Expo in Washington DC--a large--scale version of the event organized earlier this year by public officials and law enforcement leaders in Wisconsin. You can announce the date here in Dayton.

We do not want to hear empty words. We want action! If you are not prepared to do something real, do not waste our time. Do not come to Dayton, Ohio.

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