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## **New Haven and Hartford Mayors Express Support for bipartisan gun bill before the General Assembly**

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"This bipartisan bill is a great piece of legislation that is thoughtful and thorough. Its provisions address the many types of gun violence and will make our streets, neighborhoods and schools safer. I am proud to stand with the leadership of the House and Senate on this groundbreaking legislation."

-- Mayor John DeStefano, Jr. of New Haven

"The fact that this bill includes a ban on high capacity magazines, addresses mental illness in comprehensive and meaningful ways and implements universal background checks is extraordinarily positive. It's bi-partisan legislation that's worthy of the tragedy that befell our State and our Nation in Newtown. As Mayor of the Capital City, I would like our residents to live in an environment where these incidents are less likely to occur and creating that environment is the biggest impact we can make as elected leaders. My next wish is for Congress to follow Connecticut's lead and, in particular, focus on curtailing the flow of illegal weapons across state borders. We'll continue to do everything possible locally to prevent gun violence but change also needs to happen at the federal level."

-- Mayor Pedro Segarra of Hartford