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**Press Release**

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District Attorney Michael Dougherty joined with Prosecutors Against Gun Violence (PAGV), the national Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (APA), and prosecutors from around the country in a joint letter to Senator Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, imploring him to immediately reconvene the Senate and work to prevent gun violence. As the letter states, “Gun violence is ripping apart families and neighborhoods on a daily basis. As we mourn the devastation of mass shootings across the country—most recently in Gilroy, El Paso and Dayton—we turn to you because you can change this grotesquely unacceptable new American normal.”

Rather than have the Senate wait until after summer recess, DA Dougherty and the other prosecutors stated, “Gun violence in America is a national emergency. Every day the Senate puts off this debate is a day when someone in America will needlessly lose their life to firearms. That’s why prosecutors, charged with protecting public safety, urge the Senate to take action now.”

Please see attached for the letter to the Senate Majority Leader.



August 9, 2019

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader, United States Senate  
The Capitol, S-230  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Leader McConnell:

As prosecutors from across the nation, we respectfully implore you, in the strongest possible terms, to immediately reconvene the Senate in a session dedicated to preventing gun violence in America.

Gun violence is ripping apart families and neighborhoods on a daily basis. As we mourn the devastation of mass shootings across the country—most recently in Gilroy, El Paso and Dayton—we turn to you because you can change this grotesquely unacceptable new American normal.

Courageous leadership now is essential. By reconvening the Senate on this crucial issue, you can make history. Let future generations look back and see a leader who said “Enough is enough,” and helped stop the carnage that scars our country.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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