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**Representing approximately 100,000 gun owners in
the counties of Berks, Bucks, Carbon, Lehigh,
Monroe, Northampton and Schuylkill**



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Mayors Against Illegal Guns

Re: Please withdraw from MAIG

Dear Mayors:

We represent over 100 gun clubs with over 100,000 members in Lehigh, Northampton, Bucks, Berks, Monroe, Carbon, and Schuylkill counties.

We respectfully ask that you follow the many other mayors who have withdrawn from NYC Mayor Bloomberg's coalition, for several reasons.

First, Federal and Pennsylvania State laws govern guns in Pennsylvania. Municipalities do not have the power to write gun laws.

Second, there is no such thing as "illegal guns." All guns sold in the USA are legal.

Third, one of MAIG's proposals would make it an offense to fail to report a lost or stolen gun. That is absurd. Gun owners do not conduct daily inventories or inspections of their guns and to make it a crime to report a lost gun is ridiculous.

Fourth, if we want to stop "straw purchasers" from buying guns legally and selling them to criminals, publicize the law and punish offenders severely. That's not happening.

Mayor Bloomberg is anti-gun. New York City is anti-gun. It is extremely difficult for New Yorkers to legally own a gun. The result is high rates of crimes with guns, because the criminals know that their victims are not armed.

Mayor Bloomberg has lots of money and big political ambitions. Don't fall for his cynical game – withdraw.

We'll be watching what you do. We hope you do the right thing. Thank you.

Sincerely,

John F. Brinson
Co-chairman

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cc: District Attorneys – Berks, Bucks, Carbon, Lehigh, Monroe, Northampton, and Schuylkill Counties