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**Mayor Barrett to Lead 'Day to Demand Action' in Milwaukee
*Local events will be part of largest grassroots campaign in U.S. history
to urge Congress to end gun violence***

MILWAUKEE – On Thursday, March 28, Mayor Tom Barrett will lead a local call to action to urge members of Congress to act in support of universal background checks for all gun sales as part of Mayors Against Illegal Guns' National Day to Demand Action.

The National Day to Demand Action will feature hundreds of events being organized by mayors and community activists nationwide in what is expected to be the largest gun violence advocacy event in history, and part of the largest field campaign in U.S. history to address gun violence. It comes at a time when members of Congress are home during the Easter/Passover recess and will be returning to Washington, D.C. in April to vote on a bill that will expand background checks for firearm purchases. It also comes at a time when support for expanded background checks is high among Wisconsin residents. A recent Marquette University poll found that over 80 percent of Wisconsin residents, including gun owners, favored background checks for all gun sales.

Mayor Barrett, one of 15 founding members of Mayors Against Illegal Guns, a bipartisan coalition that now boasts more than 900 members, will be joined by the Milwaukee Fire Department Chief Rohlfiing and MFD paramedics.

WHAT: Day to Demand Action

WHERE: Milwaukee Fire Department, Engine 2
755 N. James Lovell St., Milwaukee

TIME: 10:15 a.m.

SPEAKERS: Mayor Tom Barrett
Milwaukee Fire Chief Mark Rohlfiing
Milwaukee Fire Department paramedics

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