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# Committee approves resolution for Milwaukee to join Gun Safety Consortium

**Statement of Common Council President Cavalier Johnson  
October 21, 2021**

During today's Public Safety and Health Committee meeting, the committee recommended approval of a file I brought forward approving the City's participation in the Gun Safety Consortium.

Common Ground of Southeastern Wisconsin has worked with the administration and numerous other local leaders on this campaign since 2017 to make sure Milwaukee was part of this effort to decrease gun deaths and increase gun safety.

Far too often we have seen how guns that are not properly stored, or otherwise secure, can have tragic impacts on families. Joining the Gun Safety Consortium is another piece of the puzzle toward decreasing gun-related deaths and injuries that I am proud to advocate for, along with past efforts such as lobbying for enhanced State and Federal gun control laws, and supporting efforts like the gun buyback and gun lock distribution programs.

To join the Gun Safety Consortium, the City and I have committed to a contribution of \$10,000 for the purchase of gun safety products and a thorough evaluation and report back on these products. The Department of Administration has identified existing funding to pay for the City's membership, and it is expected that the Milwaukee Police Department will begin testing of these products in January.

The Milwaukee Police Department and other public sector law enforcement agencies are major purchasers of firearms nationwide. It is my duty to ensure that we are advocating for the latest technology to keep our communities safe and free from gun violence. This partnership will help drive the industry forward and keep our residents and neighborhoods protected.

I want to thank all of the partners involved in this effort for their commitment to increased gun safety in Milwaukee as we all work together to make our city a safer place for everyone.

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