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## Congressman Brian Higgins Issues Statement in Support of Buffalo Lawsuit Against Firearm Industry

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Congressman Brian Higgins (NY-26) released a statement in support of a lawsuit filed by the City of Buffalo and Mayor Byron Brown taking legal action against the firearm industry.

Higgins said, "The big gun industry is marketing to incite madness and profiting off pain. Firearms are now the leading cause of death for children in the United States, responsible for terrorizing neighborhoods across the country. For too long there has been no accountability and no repercussions for those whose dealings and negligence is inflicting suffering on communities and families. I applaud the City of Buffalo and Mayor Brown for taking this action toward the goal of protecting the public and saving lives."

On Saturday, May 14, 2022, a heavily armed, racist mass shooter entered a supermarket in Buffalo killing 10 and injuring 3 others.

Congressman Higgins' Western New York district includes the entire City of Buffalo. Higgins, a member of the Congressional Gun Violence Prevention Task Force, voted in favor of the bipartisan <a href="Safer Communities Act">Safer Communities Act</a> which <a href="became law in July">became law in July</a> and is a cosponsor of assault weapon ban legislation which <a href="passed in the House in July">passed in the House in July</a>, but has yet to be considered by the Senate.

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