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STATEMENT FROM MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL

I want to commend Attorney General Sessions for taking action to prioritize the federal prosecution of those responsible for driving violent gun crime. The Attorney General and I agree on the need to increase federal gun prosecutions in Chicago, and strengthening this crime-fighting tool will be a welcome step for cities across the country. My hope is that today's action by the federal government is quickly followed by action by state government to also ensure stronger sentences for repeat gun offenders here in Illinois.

In addition to these crucial law enforcement tools, we will continue to increase training for officers, to improve community policing strategies and to advocate for added investments in prevention, including job training, summer jobs, after-school programming and mentoring.

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/attorney-general-sessions-directs-federal-prosecutors-target-most-significant-violent>

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