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AT ISSUE:

Sensible Gun Policy

WHY THIS MATTERS:

Enough is enough. Any one of the senseless shootings targeting schoolchildren, religious worshipers, and individuals at movie theaters, clubs and concerts would have been enough. Each mass shooting compounds our responsibility to act to limit access to military-style (high capacity, high velocity) assault weapons. As a nation, we lead all countries in the number of gun-related deaths per capita¹, a result of street violence, domestic violence, suicide and mass shootings. As a society, we can and *must* find a balance between reasonable gun control and safety policy and the right of an individual to bear arms. As legislators, we must lead the discussion on sensible gun policy, not the NRA. As a candidate, I stand resolute on this issue.

A BETTER WAY:

- **Philip Block pledges not to accept money from the gun lobby, weapons manufacturers or the NRA.**
- Philip Block supports the following sensible gun policies for Pennsylvania:
 - Ban on military-style assault weapons
 - Ban on high capacity ammunition magazines (holding more than ten rounds)
 - Support banning bump stocks and similar devices [House Bill 1872, ban "Accelerated trigger activator." A part or combination of parts designed and intended to accelerate the rate of fire of a semi-automatic firearm to simulate the rate of fire of a machine gun]
 - Require stolen or lost guns to be reported
 - Allow law enforcement officers and/or family members to petition a court to impose a temporary restraining order for firearms on individuals who pose a threat to themselves or others
 - Limit the number of handguns a single person can purchase to one per month
 - Require a background check on all gun sales regardless of the type of gun or the type of seller [House Bill 1400]
 - Restrict domestic abusers from access to guns [Senate Bill 501]
 - Promote research on gun safety and gun violence, which has been blocked at the federal level.



LEARN MORE:

- 1: Congressional Research Service 2012, "Small Arms Survey 2007"
- Americans own nearly half (48%) of the estimated 650 million civilian-owned guns worldwide (Congressional Research Service 2012, "Small Arms Survey 2007")
- US makes up less than 5% of world population, but has 31% of the global mass shooters from 1966 – 2012 (Landford, U Alabama, 2016)
- Gun homicide rates are 25 times higher than any other high-income country (American Journal of Medicine, Grinshteyn and Hemenway, 2010)
- 400,000 guns are stolen every year (CBS News, 2018)
- There have been 18 cases of a gun being fired on school property January 1 – February 18, 2018
- Over 150,000 primary or secondary school children who have experienced a shooting at their school since Columbine (Washington Post)
- 1,827 deaths due to gun violence January 1 – February 18, 2018 (Gun Violence Archive)
- 11,564 gun-related deaths on average per year in the US (Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence)