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Res. No. 1568

Resolution calling upon the Mayor of the City of New York to take necessary steps to ensure that ammunition casings generated by the City are disposed of in a way that neither perpetuates nor increases the threat of gun violence in New York City.

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Whereas, New York City is a national leader in gun safety and policy initiatives designed to increase public safety; and

Whereas, New York City has strict regulations surrounding the sale and possession of firearms and ammunition in order to protect our residents, workers and visitors; and

Whereas, a 2009 report issued by the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) regarding firearms trace data, the most recent such report pertaining to New York City, indicates that a significant percentage of firearms recovered in connection with crimes committed in New York City can be traced to gun sales from other jurisdictions, many of which have less stringent regulations surrounding the sale and possession of firearms and ammunition; and

Whereas, According to various reports, in June 2012, New York City sold 28,800 pounds of New York City Police Department spent shell casings to Georgia Arms, an ammunition store located in Villa Rica, Georgia, rather than a scrap metal company, as it has done in the past; and

Whereas, Spent shell casings can be reloaded and sold as bullets; and

Whereas, The state of Georgia requires no questioning, identification or registration of an individual

before he or she may purchase firearms or ammunition; and

Whereas, ATF identified Georgia as a top source state for firearms recovered in connection with New York City crimes; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the Mayor of the City of New York to take necessary steps to ensure that ammunition casings generated by the City are disposed of in a way that neither perpetuates nor increases the threat of gun violence in New York City.

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