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Testimony of Mayor Nancy R. Roterling Before the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary: “After the Highland Park Attack: Protecting Our Communities From Mass Shootings”

Highland Park, Illinois – On Wednesday, July 20 at 10:00 AM ET, the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary held a full committee hearing entitled “After the Highland Park Attack: Protecting Our Communities from Mass Shootings.” This hearing, the Judiciary Committee’s tenth hearing focused on gun violence held during the 117th Congress, focused on the dangers of widespread civilian access to military-style assault weapons designed to kill large numbers of people in seconds.

Highland Park, Illinois, Mayor Nancy Roterling was a witness. She provided written testimony and discussed the need to make immediate federal policy changes to reduce the risk of the types of horrific shootings during the July 4 parade in Highland Park.

[View Mayor Roterling’s oral testimony here.](#)

The Independence Day Parade shooting in Highland Park, Illinois, was the 309th mass shooting in America this year — averaging more than 11 per week in 2022. Prior to this hearing, the Full Committee held related hearings entitled “Constitutional and Common Sense Steps to Reduce Gun Violence” ([3/23/21](#)); “Combating Gun Trafficking and Reducing Violence in Chicago” ([12/13/21](#)); “Federal Support for Preventing and Responding to Carjackings” ([3/1/22](#)); “Examining the ‘Metastasizing Domestic Terrorism Threat After the Buffalo Attack’” ([6/7/22](#)); and “Protecting America’s Children From Gun Violence” ([6/15/22](#)). The Subcommittee on the Constitution held hearings entitled “Stop Gun Violence: Extreme Risk Order / ‘Red Flag’ Laws” ([4/28/21](#)); “Stop Gun Violence: Ghost Guns” ([5/11/21](#)); “Stop Gun Violence: Safe Storage” ([5/25/21](#)); and “Stop Gun Violence: The Jackson-Elias Domestic Violence Survivor Protection Act” ([5/18/22](#)).

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