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**STATEMENT BY MAYOR EMANUEL ON LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS TO HOLD REPEAT GUN
OFFENDERS ACCOUNTABLE**

For decades Chicago has faced a historic challenge with gun crimes at the hands of repeat offenders. While investments in prevention programming like One Summer Chicago are at historic levels, and while the Police Department continues to enhance its crime strategy, the state's weak gun laws are a major obstacle in reducing gun violence in Chicago. Stronger state laws will deter repeat gun offenders, stronger state laws will stop the dangerous turnstile in our justice system, and stronger state laws will save lives. I want to thank Senators Raoul, Munoz, and Zalewski for their continued commitment to our communities, and for their work to ensure our laws finally reflect our values. I look forward to working with them on this bill, and anyone else who will join the effort to ensure the safety of our city."

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