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Gov. Wolf Calls for Continued Action Against Gun Violence, Joins Moms Demand Action at Capitol Rally

Harrisburg, PA – Today, Governor Tom Wolf participated in the Moms Demand Action rally at the Capitol in support of extreme risk protection order legislation aimed at taking guns away from people who may be a danger to themselves or others.

“We’ve made strides in the last year at bringing bills across the finish line that will curb gun violence,” Gov. Wolf said. “In fact, on Wednesday one of these key laws will go into effect and as a result, domestic abusers will find it much more difficult to access guns to kill, terrorize, and control their victims.

“I’m proud the Pennsylvania legislature acted in a bipartisan manner to recognize the need to protect victims of domestic abuse from gun violence. But even though we’ve had this recent success, it’s not time to let up just yet. We need to continue to push for commonsense measures like universal background checks until we end gun violence in our commonwealth.

“I’m so proud to be here today with Moms Demand Action as they continue to fight for this important cause and grateful that we have such a committed group that wants nothing more than to see more Pennsylvanians live long, happy lives free of gun violence.”

The Moms Demand Action rally focused on extreme risk protection orders and legislation introduced by Sen. Tom Killion. Killion, Sens. Jay Costa and Art Haywood, Auditor General Eugene DePasquale, Reps. Todd Stephens and Jen O’Mara, CeaseFire PA’s Shira Goodman, gun suicide survivor Jennifer Lugar, and Parkland school shooting survivor Robert Schentrup whose sister Carmen died in the shooting, also participated in the rally.

In recent years there have been a number of mass shootings in which family members or friends noticed warning signs that shooters were dangerous and at risk of harming themselves or others. In response to these tragedies, states have begun enacting legislation that can prevent gun tragedies before they occur. Extreme risk protection

order laws empower families, household members, or law enforcement officers to temporarily remove a person's access to firearms before they commit violence. Fourteen states and the District of Columbia currently have ERPO laws.

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