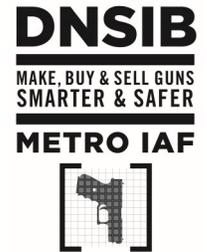


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Presentation Inspires Mayors Campaign Pushes Forward

About 100 Metro IAF leaders from 10 states fanned out across the Washington, DC, metropolitan area on January 25th, for a full day of actions and meetings with more than a dozen local and national leaders concerned with gun violence.

The day began with Rabbi Joel Mosbacher presenting at the US Conference of Mayors (USCM) meeting, where he was given an ovation from the mayors in attendance. "Our relationship with USCM goes back at least to 2014," Mosbacher said afterwards. "But this invitation to present and the reception we received was a real step forward for us."

One-on-one meetings with mayors before and after Mosbacher's presentation resulted in preliminary agreements to participate in April's African American Mayor's Association meeting and June's USCM event in Boston, as well.

The day continued with meetings on Capitol Hill, as well as research actions with the Consumer Product Safety Commission and at the Truman Center. A large group also convened an action at the Realco Gun Shop in Capital Heights, MD. Please see page 2 for more information on those activities.

"The energy and momentum from that day was great," said DiAne Boese, part of DNSIB's core leadership team. "We learned a lot to inform our strategy moving forward, and having our leaders working together like that in so many different ways was very energizing for the campaign."

"As the rabbi said..."

- Lead-in comment by multiple mayors after hearing Rabbi Joel Mosbacher's presentation at the US Conference of Mayors panel on reducing gun violence



Rabbi Mosbacher (right, speaking at microphone) presenting at the US Conference of Mayors meeting in Washington, DC, on January 25. About 40 mayors and staff people were at the presentation.



Scores of Metro IAF leaders escorted Mayor Harp back to the US Conference of Mayors meeting after she spoke at the briefing. Photo credit: David Choy

Metro IAF Leaders Hold Briefing to Lift Up Good Work of Mayors

Leading with personal stories of how gun violence has affected our lives, a large group of Metro IAF leaders held a briefing at the Metropolitan AME Church in Washington, DC, to call attention to the good work being done by mayors all across the United States.

While Congress and the President stand idly by, it is all the more important to shine a light on those making progress to reduce gun violence.

Examples include Chicago Mayor Emanuel who is using data to identify the worst crime-gun dealers; Charleston Mayor Benjamin and Denver Mayor Hancock, who are banning bump-stocks; New Rochelle Mayor Bramson who held a smart gun & tech show; Seattle Mayor Murray who is using data to understand gun theft; and LA Mayor Garcetti, Boston Mayor Walsh, and 100+ others who are pushing gun manufacturers to innovate on safety technologies and distribution practices.



New Haven Mayor Toni Harp, speaking in front of a large group of Metro IAF leaders. Photo credit: David Choy

New Haven Mayor Toni Harp gave an impassioned speech at the briefing, using the term “malignancy” to describe our nation’s gun violence problem and urging a public health approach to finding solutions. She finished by telling a moving story from her childhood to illustrate the trauma that children are growing up with today.

Other Actions

Consumer Product Safety Commission

Leaders met with 3 of the 4 commissioners to urge them to consider banning bump-stocks as part of their jurisdiction over gun accessories.

The Truman Center

A group met with CEO Michael Breen to gain insights on working with the military.

DC Office of Public Safety and Justice

WIN leaders met with a deputy mayor to discuss the possibility of a Smart Gun & Lock Show.

Capitol Hill

Meetings were held with staffers from Senators Murphy, Blumenthal, and Durbin to continue relationships already built with them.

Realco Gun Shop

Originally intending to call attention to the dealer’s poor crime gun record, the group ended up speaking at length with the shop’s owner, who said he is open to future dialogue on how to promote greater safety.