

Washington, D.C. – Tomorrow at noon, Representative David Price (NC-04) will join other congressional leaders at a White House press conference where President Barack Obama will announce a package of executive and legislative measures his administration will pursue to strengthen gun laws and reduce gun violence. Rep. Price, a Vice Chair of the House Democrats' Gun Violence Prevention Task Force, released the following statement:

"I am pleased the President will be offering concrete proposals to reduce gun violence and strengthen laws that keep deadly weapons out of the wrong hands. I look forward to working with my colleagues on the Gun Violence Prevention Task Force in parallel with the Administration's efforts to improve our nation's gun laws and prevent future tragedies.

"While I am open to various proposals, I believe we must deal with the instruments of destruction that too often turn hostile encounters into deadly ones. We must enforce and strengthen our current laws to keep guns out of the hands of criminals and others prone to violence. We must shore up mental health services and outreach, especially to troubled young people. We must remove from our streets military-style assault weapons and high-capacity magazines whose only function is to mow people down. North Carolinians have a right to expect that they will be free from harm in their communities and their children will be safe in their schools. We have a moral responsibility to make their expectation a reality."

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