Washington, D.C. – Representative David Price (NC-04), a Vice Chair of House Democrats' Gun Violence Prevention Task Force, issued the following statement today after attending President Obama's announcement of efforts his Administration will pursue to reduce gun violence. Rep. Price is also the ranking Democrat on the House Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee.

"Each of the carefully crafted legislative recommendations President Obama announced today would help us keep guns out of the wrong hands and protect the rights of responsible gun owners. I especially applaud the President for taking executive action to improve enforcement of gun laws already on the books and for pushing to make background checks universal, so that criminals and others prone to violence cannot access deadly weapons.

"I will look for every opportunity, through my role as the ranking Democrat on the House Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee, to partner with the White House on efforts to reduce gun trafficking. I am hopeful that Congress will have a broader conversation about ending the freeze on gun violence research, providing mental health services to troubled young people, and that we will heed the President's call to deal with the actual instruments of destruction by acting to remove from our streets military-style assault weapons and high-capacity magazine clips, which have no purpose but to mow people down."

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