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August 24, 2019

The Honorable Michael L. Parson
Governor of the State of Missouri
201 West Capitol Avenue
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Dear Governor Parson:

As you are painfully aware, the city of St. Louis experienced another tragic murder of an innocent child Friday evening. An eight-year-old girl was killed, bringing the total to twelve children sacrificed to violence this year.

On behalf of the Missouri Legislative Black Caucus, I implore you to add this pressing crisis in our state to your recent call for a special session of the Missouri General Assembly. Specifically, we would like consideration of a law to allow municipalities with high incidents of gun violence to pass their own gun control legislation.

One size statewide laws do not always serve the best interests of all the residents of our state. Local elected public officials, policing agencies, and our residents must deal with the catastrophic impact of gun violence. We need the freedom to address local solutions.

We ask you and our rural colleagues to recognize that the slaughter of children in our state, and the hundreds of other victims of gun violence, demand immediate solutions that will produce results for our communities. It is a topic worthy of public debate and the due consideration of the Missouri General Assembly and our Governor.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven Roberts".

Representative Steven Roberts
Chairman of the Missouri Legislative Black Caucus
Missouri's 77th District