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UPDATED MEDIA ADVISORY

VIP PARTICIPANTS AND SPEAKERS OF VALENTINE'S DAY "MARCH FOR CHANGE" TO CONVENE AT PRE-RALLY RECEPTION (10:30am, room 310, State Capitol Building) TO MARCH TOGETHER FOR CHANGE BEFORE 11am RALLY:

February 14th Rally in Support of Safer, Rational Gun Laws Featuring Governor Malloy, Celebrity Emcee Christine Baranski, and Families from Sandy Hook Elementary School Will Continue as Planned, Despite Snow Clean-Up and Weather Reports.

Several elected officials, including Governor Dannel Malloy, Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman, Attorney General George Jepsen, Senate President Donald Williams, Senate Minority Leader John McKinney, House Minority Leader Lawrence F. Cafero Jr. and Mayor Bill Finch, Bridgeport, will participate in the March for Change on Thursday, February 14th at the North Steps of the State Capitol Building in Hartford at 11:00am to affirm their support of safer, rational, common sense legislative changes in the current gun laws in the State of Connecticut. This group will convene at a pre-rally reception in room 310 at the State Capitol, from 10:00am – 10:50am, at which time they will march as a unified group to the North Steps, where the rally is taking place.

Participants will also include Henrietta Beckman and Robert Thompson, from Bridgeport and Hartford, respectively, both who lost children to violent gun deaths, as well as Jillian Soto and Veronique Pozner, family members of two people killed at the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting. Colin Goddard, who survived the massacre at Virginia Tech and currently works at the Brady Campaign and Stephen Barton, a survivor of the Aurora, CO massacre and employee of Mayors Against Illegal Guns will also speak at the February 14th rally. Two members of clergy, symbols of the peaceful and respectful tone and tenor of the rally, will offer inspirational words to the assembled crowd, expected to exceed 2500 people. Lara Herscovitch, will sing "Let Us Begin" and Marina Belica and Julie Flanders of October Project, will sing their beautiful and haunting song "Return to Me" as a personal tribute.

This event is produced by March for Change, a program of CT Against Gun Violence, to give advocates an opportunity to coalesce and present a unified voice in the bi-partisan effort to make legislative change in Connecticut's gun laws.

WHAT: MARCH: Room 310 to North Steps, Capitol 10:50am
RALLY: North Steps, 11:00am

WHEN: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14th
WHERE: HARTFORD STATE CAPITOL, North Steps overlooking Bushnell Park

PRESS CHECK IN DAY OF RALLY: 9:30am, table in front of North Steps

Complete list of participants follows:

Governor Dannel Malloy

Celebrity Host/Emcee: Christine Baranski and Kathy Searle, pre-rally emcee

Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman

Attorney General George Jepsen

Senate President Donald Williams

Senate Minority Leader John McKinney

House Minority Leader Lawrence F. Cafero Jr.

Mayor Bill Finch, Bridgeport

Veronique Pozner, mother of Noah Pozner, Sandy Hook

Jillian Soto, sister of Victoria Soto, Sandy Hook

Henrietta Beckman, Mothers United Against Violence (son Randy was shot and killed 10 years ago)

Robert Thompson (father of 14-year old Justin, who was shot and killed in Bridgeport walking home from a party in 2012)

Stephen Barton, Mayors Against Illegal Guns and survivor, Aurora, CO massacre

Colin Goddard, the Brady Campaign and survivor, Virginia Tech massacre

Marina Belica and Julie Flanders, October Project

Rabbi Shaul Praver, Adath Israel, Newtown

Rev. Mia Douglas, Faith Congregational Church, Hartford

Lara Herscovitch and Out the Boxx will perform at the pre-rally

Nancy Lefkowitz and Meg Staunton, March for Change

Ron Pinciario, CT Against Gun Violence

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