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In 2008, Philadelphia led the nation in handgun murders, and in 2008, homicide was the leading cause of death among Philadelphia's young black males.

In 2008, one-third of all gun cases were discharged at a preliminary hearing for lack of prosecution. That means that three out of every ten gun-carrying felons were released back into our neighborhoods.

In 2008, fifty-nine percent of all felony prosecutions brought by the District Attorney's Office were dismissed at preliminary hearings. Witnesses disappeared, arresting officers failed to show up, prosecutors were unprepared and the same criminals were released to commit the same crimes again and again.

In 2009, we can do better.

In 2009, we can be the agents of change.

I'm running for District Attorney because 2009 is a New Day, and we need a New D.A.

I believe that a safe Philadelphia is not just a dream of the naïve – it is our right as citizens. As your District Attorney, I will work with the community every day, giving citizens the tools they need to make their neighborhoods safer.

But I need your help now.

Will you join me and support my campaign before the critical midnight deadline tomorrow? Will you stand with me for safer Philadelphia?

I promise that if you stand with me, I will always stand with you.

Sincerely,

Seth