



## CITIZENS CRIME COMMISSION OF NEW YORK CITY

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### Top Cop Bill Bratton Comes Out for Ban on Assault Clips

*Former NYPD Commish and LAPD Chief calls opposition to ban “reckless and wrong”*

*Citizens Crime Commission of NYC launches database connecting all major mass shootings in America to assault clips*

NEW YORK-Legendary former NYPD Commissioner and LAPD Chief Bill Bratton is coming down hard on the side of law enforcement in favor of H.R. 308, the ban on large capacity ammunition magazines (aka: assault clips). Bratton joins the Citizens Crime Commission of New York City’s growing coalition of law enforcement and allies across the country in support of this common sense measure.

"Large capacity ammunition magazines were designed as weapons of war to kill as many people as possible in the shortest period of time. Law enforcement and military go through extensive training to operate and maintain these weapons, which simply do not belong in untrained civilian hands. Richard Aborn has been a champion for common sense legislation to protect cops who risk their lives everyday to keep the public safe. Anything less is reckless and wrong," said Bratton.

In connection with Bratton’s announcement, the Crime Commission launched an online database of significant mass shootings in America (defined by the FBI as at least 4 victims killed), *all of which involve assault clips*. The database catalogues 22 major recent incidents, with detailed information about the weapons, magazine capacity, and circumstances of the shooting itself. Data also indicates that mass shootings occur *consistently throughout regions of the United States*, further underscoring the need for federal legislation. The increased lethality of such incidents is made possible by the use of assault clips which enable a shooter to rapidly fire off as many as 100-rounds without having to reload the firearm, often shooting at police. Since the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) does not require police departments to report data on magazine capacity, the Crime Commission’s database is a valuable resource.

View the database here: <http://www.nycrimecommission.org/initiative1-shootings.php>

“No one has done more to reduce crime and improve policing than Bill Bratton, but Congress has a responsibility to protect *cops* from gratuitous violence too. The growing momentum of support from law enforcement across the country should send a clear

message: this isn't about Republicans or Democrats, it's about helping cops do their job to keep the public safe," said Richard M. Aborn, President of the Citizens Crime Commission of New York City.

As the former President of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence (1993-1996), Richard Aborn was the principle strategist behind the original ban in 1994 which passed into law with support from Bratton. Assault clips (defined as more than 10-rounds) were made illegal as part of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act, commonly known as the federal assault weapons ban, but Congress failed to renew the ban when it expired in 2004. A large capacity ammunition magazine was used to carry out the recent shooting in Tucson, allowing the gunman to fire more than 30 bullets in 15 seconds.

Current list of supporters:

- Los Angeles Police Chief Charlie Beck (CA)
- Philadelphia Police Commissioner Charles Ramsey (PA)
- Binghamton Police Chief Joseph Zikuski (NY)
- Providence Police Chief Dean Esserman (RI)
- Arlington Police Chief Theron Bowman (TX)
- Florence Police Chief Rick Singleton (AL)
- Minneapolis Police Chief Timothy Dolan (MN)
- Major Cities Chiefs Association
- New York State Association of Chiefs of Police
- U.S. Conference of Mayors
- New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg (NY)
- Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa (CA)
- Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter (PA)
- Binghamton Mayor Matthew Ryan (NY)
- Pima County Attorney Barbara LaWall (AZ)
- Los Angeles City Attorney Carmen Trutanich (CA)
- Broome County District Attorney Gerald Mollen (NY)
- New York City Councilwoman Gale Brewer (NY)
- Los Angeles City Council (CA)
- Former Vice President Dick Cheney
- Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence
- Citizens Crime Commission of New York City
- Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence
- Legal Community Against Violence
- New Yorkers Against Gun Violence
- States United to Prevent Gun Violence
- Violence Policy Center
- Faiths United to Prevent Gun Violence
- Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism

- United Methodist Church, General Board of Church and Society
- Vincent D'Onofrio, actor
- Colin Goddard, VA Tech shooting victim
- Shirley DeLucia, Binghamton, NY shooting victim
- Kelly O'Brien, fiancée of Tucson shooting victim Gabe Zimmerman

The Citizens Crime Commission of New York City is an independent nonprofit organization working to make criminal justice and public safety policies and practices more effective through innovation, research, and education. In the last three decades, the Crime Commission has been a leader on key issues such as: increasing the size of the NYPD, expanding the use of DNA evidence in crime fighting, creating innovations that reduce juvenile crime, developing interventions against gun violence and illegal gun crime, and highlighting the changing nature of the threat of terrorism.

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