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ADVOCATES BLAST HINCHEY FOR FAILURE TO SUPPORT BAN ON ASSAULT CLIPS

Cops arrest perp with large capacity ammunition magazine on the street days after city officials call for Congress to pass the ban,

107 co-sponsors in the House, 17 from NYS, plus NY Senators Schumer and Gillibrand

BINGHAMTON, NY- Just days after Mayor Matthew Ryan, DA Gerald Mollen, and Police Chief Joseph Zikuski announced their support for federal legislation to ban large capacity ammunition magazines, the Broome County Special Investigations Unit Task Force made a narcotics-related arrest of a man found walking down Oak Street, armed with a defaced 9mm Glock firearm equipped with a large capacity ammunition magazine. A subsequent search of perpetrator's residence produced more ammunition. The arrest also coincides with the 2nd anniversary of the horrific shooting at the American Civic Association which left 14 dead and 4 wounded with the help of two 30-round magazines and two 15-round magazines. Large capacity ammunition magazines are illegal in New York State.

"What further proof does Congressman Hinchey need before he realizes that the public deserves every possible protection from a drug dealer walking down the street in broad daylight with enough ammunition to murder half the block? The ban on large capacity ammunition magazines is a common sense measure to keep our communities safe from unscrupulous people. There is no reason for anyone living in a civil society to own one of these weapons, the sheer purpose of which is to inflict as much carnage as possible," said Jackie Hilly, Executive Director of New Yorkers Against Gun Violence.

"This latest incident only reinforces the need to pass the ban on large capacity ammunition magazines to protect the public from another tragedy like the one in Binghamton two years ago. I hope Congressman Hinchey will show the same leadership of his 107 other colleagues in the House, and Senators Schumer and Gillibrand, and add his name to the growing coalition for this common sense measure," said Richard Aborn, President of the Citizens Crime Commission of New York City, and the former President of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence (1993-1996).

Large capacity ammunition magazines were made illegal nationally as part of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, 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.

Since 2004, lethal large capacity ammunition magazines have been used in every mass shooting in the United States. Examples include: 2007 Virginia Tech: 33 dead, 17 wounded, 33-round and 15-round magazines, hundreds of shots fired; 2009 Binghamton, NY: 14 dead, 4 wounded, 30-round and 15-round magazines, 99 rounds fired; 2010 Hartford Beer Distributor, CT: 9 dead, 2 wounded, 17-round magazines.

Current list of supporters:

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

New Yorkers Against Gun Violence (NYAGV) is a statewide advocacy group working to build public awareness of the devastating impact of gun violence in New York and across the country, while advocating for sensible gun legislation on the city, state and federal levels.

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