



CITIZENS CRIME COMMISSION  
OF NEW YORK CITY

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**CITIZENS CRIME COMMISSION STATEMENT ON  
TEXAS SHOOTING**

*There's a Solution to the Problem – Leadership*

**New York, NY**– Richard Aborn, the President of the Citizens Crime Commission, issued the following statement today in response to the shooting at the Sutherland Springs Church on Sunday:

“We need to stop telling ourselves that nothing can be done. We know there’s something we can do and we have the evidence that shows it works. But it requires leadership.

"Until the President and Congress get serious about making commonsense laws that protect Americans from these dangerous weapons, we will continue to suffer regular tragedies like the one that unfolded in Texas. A [Crime Commission report](#) updated this fall found that during the ten years the 1994 assault weapons ban was in effect (1994-2004), compared to the decade before the ban, the number of Americans killed and wounded in mass shootings involving assault weapons and large-capacity ammunition magazines decreased 40%. Even more telling, the number of Americans killed or wounded by mass shooters who used guns or ammunition magazines previously prohibited by the ban has increased more than 500% from September 2004 to the present, demonstrating the effectiveness of the ban, according to the report.

“The case could not be clearer: lawmakers must reenact the ban on assault weapons and large-capacity ammunition magazines and help save American lives.”

For more information about the Citizens Crime Commission and its work to protect Americans from assault weapons, [click here](#).

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Richard Aborn was formerly the President of Handgun Control Inc. (now the Brady Campaign) and was a leading figure in the passage of the 1994 assault weapons ban. Aborn is available for comment. Please email [CrimeCommDKC@dkcnews.com](mailto:CrimeCommDKC@dkcnews.com)

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