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Crime Commission President Aborn Statement on Dallas Shooting

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New York, NY - Crime Commission President Richard Aborn made the following statement on yesterday's shooting in Dallas:

"Mass shootings are epidemic in our country, leading to the deaths of scores of innocent Americans every year--and law enforcement is not immune from becoming victims of this preventable virus. We do not yet know what types of high-powered weapons were used in Dallas, but one thing is certain: virtually anytime, anywhere in America, law enforcement and other innocent Americans are at the mercy of shooters armed with weapons of war who are intent on killing.

"Until we get serious about making common sense laws that protect law enforcement and citizens from these dangerous weapons, we will continue to suffer regular tragedies like the one that unfolded in Dallas yesterday, in Orlando last month, or in any of the dozens of similar incidents innocent Americans have died in over the last decade."

The Crime Commission [recently released a report](#) showing a link between the expiration of the Assault Weapons Ban (AWB) in 2004 and a huge spike in mass shooting casualties since. The rate of Americans killed or injured by mass shooters who used guns or ammunition magazines previously prohibited by the AWB has tripled over the last twelve years, demonstrating the effectiveness of the ban, according to the report.

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About Richard Aborn:

Richard Aborn is President of the Citizens Crime Commission of New York City and an expert on law enforcement and criminal justice. He 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.

About the Citizens Crime Commission:

The Crime Commission is a non-partisan non-profit organization working to make New York City's criminal justice and public safety policies and practices more effective through innovation, research, and education. For more information on the Citizens Crime Commission of New York City, please visit our website:

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