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OF NEW YORK CITY
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**LAW & ORDER: SVU STAR RICHARD BELZER &
FORMER NYPD COMMISH BILL BRATTON CUT
GUN CONTROL AD**

*Belzer & Bratton urge Americans to call on Congress to support the
ban on large capacity magazines (H.R. 308/S. 32)*

Joining growing coalition of law enforcement

NEW YORK—Actor, author, and activist, Richard Belzer, star of *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit*, urged Americans to protect law enforcement officials by calling on Congress to support the ban on large capacity ammunition magazines (H.R. 308/S. 32). Belzer joined with legendary former NYPD Commissioner and LAPD Chief Bill Bratton in the 55 second ad which specifically addresses the impact of lax gun control on law enforcement. It launches today on the web.

"Both Richard Belzer and Bill Bratton understand that sensible gun control protects the public and the people who put their lives on the line to defend and serve it: law enforcement. Thanks to their outspoken commitment to common sense policies, together with ongoing support from law enforcement, it is becoming increasingly difficult for Congress to ignore. We are extremely grateful for their support," said Richard M. Aborn, President of the Citizens Crime Commission of New York City.

This is the second such advertisement from the Crime Commission: an earlier one was released in February featuring *Law & Order: Criminal Intent* actor [Vincent D'Onofrio](#). D'Onofrio, Belzer and Bratton were enlisted in response to the Tucson, AZ shooting in which the perpetrator was equipped with a large capacity ammunition magazine, allowing him to fire more than 30 bullets in 15 seconds—killing six and wounding 13 others, including Rep. Gabrielle Giffords. The ban on large capacity magazines was in effect from 1994-2004, at which point Congress failed to renew it.

As recently noted by the [Washington Post](#) large capacity ammunition magazines purchased from the U.S. were instrumental in the July 23rd, 2011 shooting in Norway, which killed 76.

To view the ad click here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HAsFTJhg-iE>

For more updates from Richard Belzer, follow him on Twitter: [@MRBELZER](#)

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BACKGROUND

As the former President of the Brady Campaign, Aborn is credited as the principle strategist behind the improbable and successful passage of the Brady Bill, the Federal Ban on Assault Weapons, and the original ban on large capacity ammunition magazines. Belzer and Bratton join the Crime Commission's growing coalition:

- Los Angeles Police Chief Charlie Beck (CA)
- Major Cities Chiefs Association
- New York State Association of Chiefs of Police (NY)
- Minneapolis Police Chief Timothy J. Dolan (MN)
- Philadelphia Police Chief Charles Ramsey (PA)
- San Francisco Police Chief Greg Suhr (CA)
- Providence Police Chief Colonel Dean Esserman (RI)
- Arlington Police Chief Theron Bowman (TX)
- Binghamton Police Chief Joseph Zikurski (NY)
- Florence Police Chief Rick Singleton (AL)
- Former Vice President Dick Cheney
- Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa (CA)
- Los Angeles City Council (CA)
- Los Angeles City Attorney Carmen Trutanich (CA)
- NYC Mayor Michael Bloomberg (NY)
- Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter (PA)
- Binghamton Mayor Matthew Ryan (NY)
- Broome County DA Gerald Mollen (NY)
- San Francisco Mayor Edwin Lee (CA)
- San Francisco DA George Gascon (CA)
- U.S. Conference of Mayors
- New York City Councilwoman Gale Brewer (NY)
- Vincent D'Onofrio, actor
- Colin Goddard, VA Tech shooting victim/survivor
- Kelly O'Brien, fiancée of Tucson shooting victim Gabe Zimmerman
- Shirley DeLucia, Binghamton shooting victim/survivor
- Citizens Crime Commission of New York City
- New Yorkers Against Gun Violence
- Faiths United to Prevent Gun Violence
- Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism
- United Methodist Church, General Board of Church and Society
- Legal Community Against Violence
- Violence Policy Center
- Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence
- States United to Prevent Gun Violence
- Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence

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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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