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**Crime Commission President Aborn Calls for Renewal of  
Federal Assault Weapons Ban Following Las Vegas Shooting**

***Crime Commission report found weapons ban significantly reduced  
casualties in mass shootings***

NEW YORK, NY-Crime Commission President Richard Aborn made the following statement on last night's mass shooting in Las Vegas:

"Year after year the U.S. Congress enables dangerous individuals to break a shameful record for the largest mass shooting in our country. While the motives in these horrific mass shootings differed; the weapons of choice did not. Like the Orlando, Aurora, and VA Tech mass shootings, we will likely learn the perpetrator in yesterday's Las Vegas shooting, was committed using an assault rifle and/or a large-capacity ammunition magazine. These tragedies have showed us again and again that such military-style assault weapons have no place in civilian life because they significantly increase the amount casualties.

"For a decade, this country rightly banned these weapons. Since then, hundreds of innocent Americans have been killed or wounded at the hands of gunmen armed with assault weapons. A [2016 Crime Commission report](#) found a link between the expiration of the federal ban on assault weapons and large-capacity ammunition magazines 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 ban has tripled from September 2004 to June 2016, demonstrating the effectiveness of the ban, according to the report.

"Until Congress gets 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 Las Vegas last night and the numerous before it. The case could not be clearer: lawmakers must reenact the ban on assault weapons and large-capacity ammunition magazines and help save American lives."

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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 contact Ashley Cannon at 212-608-4700 and [info@nycrimecommission.org](mailto:info@nycrimecommission.org)**

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