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CRIME COMMISSION LAUNCHES GUN CONTROL AD STARRING VINCENT D'ONOFRIO

Law & Order Criminal Intent star urges Americans to call Congress to support the ban on large capacity ammunition magazines.

Says "police officers shouldn't have to confront that much fire power, it's not fair"

NEW YORK-In a rare public appearance, Vincent D'Onofrio, star of Law & Order: Criminal Intent, urged Americans to protect law enforcement officials by calling on Congress to support the ban on large capacity ammunition magazines (HR308/S32). The 45-second ad specifically addresses the impact of lax gun control on law enforcement. It launches today on the web.

"Vincent D'Onofrio understands that sensible gun control is not only necessary to protect the public, but also the people who so selflessly defend and serve it: law enforcement. Mr. D'Onofrio's generous donation of his time and considerable talent will have a vital impact on the current debate. We are extremely grateful for his support," said Richard Aborn, President of the Citizens Crime Commission of New York City.

The Citizens Crime Commission of New York City enlisted D'Onofrio's help 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.

Watch the ad on YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SLthSyDQ8a0>

For more information on Large Capacity Ammunition Magazines visit:

<http://www.nycrimecommission.org/large-capacity-ammunition-magazines.php>

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 magazines.

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, improving the juvenile justice system, creating alternatives to incarceration, developing interventions against gun violence, and highlighting the changing nature of the threat of terrorism.