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Crime Commission President Aborn Calls for Renewal of Federal Assault Weapons Ban Following Orlando 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 after today's shooting in Orlando.

"Newtown. San Bernardino. Aurora. Orlando. The motives in these horrific mass shootings differed; the weapon of choice did not. Like many of the other [deadliest shootings](#) in our nation's history, today's tragic shooting was committed using an AR-15 assault rifle. These tragedies have showed us again and again that military-style assault weapons have no place in civilian life.

"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 2014 Crime Commission [report](#) found that during the decade of the federal assault weapons ban, there were half as many casualties in mass shootings as the decade before, and a third as many casualties in mass shootings as the decade after.

"Congressional gridlock has time and again prevented sensible gun control reform and has let the proliferation of these killing machines continue--the time has come to fix that. The case could not be clearer: lawmakers must reenact the assault weapons ban 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 Evan Thies at evan@brooklynstrategies.com or (917) 715-9265.

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