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Sen. Espaillat Calls for Action, Following Tragic Connecticut Shooting

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New York State Senator Adriano Espaillat released the following statement regarding the Newtown, Connecticut shooting on Friday which resulted in the deaths of 26 people, including 20 children.

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“As we learn more and more about the tragic shooting in Newtown, Connecticut, it is clear that we need strong, decisive action against gun violence. Along with prayers for victims of this horrific tragedy, we must take specific steps to combat the rampant flow of guns in our society.

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“In New York State, we must pass common-sense gun safety measures like mandatory renewal requirements of firearm licenses; micro-stamping ammunition so criminals can be easier to track and deter; and enhanced scrutiny for mentally unstable individuals seeking guns.

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“Of course, gun violence does not stop at state borders. The federal government must end its failure and pass legislation banning assault weapons once and for all. While progressive states like New York have relatively strong gun laws, the patchwork of laws around the country allowing guns to travel easily between states is clearly an underlying factor in this broken system.

“As a society we offer our prayers for the victims. Let’s ensure we also take strong action and do our part to make sure this tragedy stops repeating.”

- State Senator Adriano Espaillat