



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Statement From Senator Patrick M. Gallivan

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*Former State Trooper and Sheriff of Erie County Votes "No" On Omnibus Gun Control Package*

“Recent tragic events have justifiably focused the nation’s collective attention on violence, and what can be done to ensure that our communities, neighborhoods and schools are safe.”

“As a career law enforcement professional, I am supportive of increasing penalties for illegal possession and the illegal use of weapons, keeping weapons out of the hands of criminals and those with mental health issues that endanger others, improved measures to combat gang activity, increased penalties for those who target first responders, and numerous other proven measures that enhance public safety.”

“While this omnibus legislation begins to address a number of the issues that many law enforcement professionals have long advocated for, I could not in good conscience vote for a law which contains provisions proven to have no effect on public safety and infringes upon the constitutional rights of law abiding citizens.”