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Senator Squadron, Senator Adams, Elected officials, and Community Members Advocates Urge Albany Special Session on Gun Violence

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After Bloodshed Around NYC, Squadron and Advocates Call on Albany to Pass Critical Gun Control Bills, at Site of Recent Shooting

NEW YORK – Today, State Senator Daniel Squadron joined community and elected officials and advocates to urge a special legislative session in Albany to address the crisis of gun violence in New York City and around the state.

This year, 1,329 people have been injured or killed by guns in New York City alone. Early Monday morning, a young man was shot in the leg on the grounds of Campos Plaza; the perpetrator has not been indentified and remains on the loose.

At the site of the recent shooting at Campos Plaza, Squadron and the coalition called on legislators to immediately return to Albany to vote on a package of gun control bills that would make New York 's gun laws the strongest in the country. Among the bills are Squadron-Rosenthal legislation to broaden the definition of “assault weapon” to include a number of military-style guns, legislation to ensure the microstamping of shell casings, a bill to limit the number of guns an individual can purchase to one-per-month, and measures to close loopholes in background checks.

As discussions continue about a possible special legislative session on a number of issues, including a pay raise for legislators, Squadron has been urging focus on these critical gun control measures.

Senator Adams states: "This year, gun violence has been very prevalent in New York City. These incidents compel responsible legislators and community members to combat the scourge of gun violence. As legislators, we must collaborate on solutions to make our City a safer place. We have the duty to protect our citizens from the disastrous effects of gun violence."