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Senate GOP Blocks Sen. Gianaris' Effective Background Checks Act, Other Common Sense Gun Safety Reform

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Gianaris: Senate GOP's Twisted Values put the NRA First, Schoolchildren Last

ALBANY, N.Y. – In the wake of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas School shooting in Parkland, Florida, New York State Senate Republicans today rejected four proposals aimed at improving gun safety, including Senator Michael Gianaris' Effective Background Checks Act.

"More responsible gun laws will make our communities safer, keep firearms away from

dangerous people and ensure preventable tragedies do not happen. I am appalled Senate Republicans voted down the common sense measures we proposed today, including my Enhanced Background Checks Act,” said **Senator Michael Gianaris**. “Senate Republicans’ twisted values put the NRA first and schoolchildren last. Senate Democrats will not stop fighting for a safer future for New York families.”

Among the proposals brought to the floor today were Sen. Gianaris’ Effective Background Checks Act, which would extend the time after which a firearm can be obtained without a background check from the current 3 days to ten. The other proposals would enable courts to remove firearms from people judged to be a danger to themselves or others, ban bump stocks, and establish a firearm violence research institute to effectively study gun crime as a public health issue.

You can view Sen. Gianaris' comments from the floor of the Senate with this link:

<http://bit.ly/2F4qaew>