

Senator Gianaris Introduces Gun Origin Registry Legislation, Taking On the "Iron Pipeline" and Fighting Gun Trafficking

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ALBANY, N.Y. – Senator Michael Gianaris introduced new legislation mandating the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) establish a database tracking the state and county of origin of guns used in crimes in New York. This proposal would tackle the "Iron Pipeline," whereby guns purchased in states with lax gun laws are brought into New York and used in crimes.

"Stopping the 'Iron Pipeline' is possible if New York leads the way. Despite having among the

toughest gun laws in the country, our state experiences too many gun-related crimes due to firearms originating elsewhere," said Senator Michael Gianaris. "While the federal government will not take action to combat gun violence, New York should use data to expose states that are part of the problem."

Senator Gianaris' bill would require DCJS and the New York State Police to publish a quarterly report about the origins of guns used in crimes. According to a 2015 analysis by the New York Times, two-thirds of guns used in crimes in New York were imported from other states.

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