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WELCOME NOTE *from* **RICHARD M. ABORN**

Dear Friends,

We're all here because we know that good ideas are the foundation of progress. At the Citizens Crime Commission of New York City we pride ourselves on identifying gaps in the criminal justice system, and devising real life solutions to complex problems. From preventing illegal gun crime, to juvenile justice reform, to combating cybercrime, the Crime Commission is a laboratory for cutting edge contributions to bring about meaningful change; *turning ideas into action.*

As an incubator for criminal justice reform, we're able to bring together major stakeholders to spark dialogue and achieve real results. For instance, we are currently working together with the New York Center for Juvenile Justice to raise the age of criminal responsibility in New York to age 18, and improve the lives of over 40,000 nonviolent 16- and 17-year-old kids.

Similarly, we recently released the first-ever comprehensive database of domestic terrorism incidents post-9/11 as a user-friendly resource to the public. And as always, we continue to push for common sense gun safety and violence prevention initiatives, developing pilot programs for high-need neighborhoods. Change is hard, but we have a record of success.

Nothing happens in a vacuum. That's why we're honored to recognize innovators like New York Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman, J. Brendan Ryan, and Gary Beller for their tireless devotion to criminal justice reform. Our work would not be possible without leaders like them; people who believe that our criminal justice policies must reflect the ideals of our democracy.

Thank you all for your outstanding commitment and ongoing support.

Best,

Richard M. Aborn
President

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Richard Belzer portrays the acerbic and beloved Detective John Munch on the award winning television drama “Law & Order: Special Victims Unit.”

A veteran comedian, Belzer’s talents have been featured in every entertainment medium from off-Broadway, to radio, to film. In 1997, Belzer starred in his own HBO comedy special, “Another Lone Nut,” and released a comedy CD of the same title. He’s hosted an ABC primetime special called “When Cars Attack,” starred in the six-part comedy Showtime series “The Richard Belzer Show,” hosted the live Lifetime talk show, “Hot Properties,” and Court TV’s “Crime Stories.”

Belzer is also the author of four books, the last two of which were a crime fiction series co-written with Michael Black that featured Belzer as the mystery-solving protagonist. *I Am Not a Cop!*, the first of the two, was published in 2008, followed by the sequel, *I Am Not a Psychic*, in 2009. Belzer penned *UFOs, JFK and Elvis: Conspiracies You Don’t Have to Be Crazy to Believe* in 2000, and co-authored *How to Be a Stand-Up Comic* in 1988 with “Borat” director and writer, Larry Charles, and Catch a Rising Star owner Rick Newman.



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Congratulates NY Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman,
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For their dedicated service and commitment
to improving criminal justice in New York

THEODORE ROOSEVELT LEADERSHIP AWARD

NEW YORK STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL ERIC T. SCHNEIDERMAN

The Crime Commission’s Theodore Roosevelt Leadership Award recognizes pioneering leadership in the field of criminal justice.

The Crime Commission traces its roots back to the late 1800s, when the New York Society for the Prevention of Crime helped bring down Tammany Hall and install proven reformer Theodore Roosevelt as president of the New York City Board of Police Commissioners. Our inaugural honoree, New York State Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman, embodies the reform minded spirit of the organization, fighting for principles aligned with our mission: common sense gun safety legislation, the expanded use of DNA in crime-fighting, and the prevention of wrongful convictions.

As Attorney General, Schneiderman is the highest ranking law enforcement officer for the state, responsible for representing New York and its residents in legal matters. Schneiderman has worked to restore the public’s faith in its public and private sector institutions, by focusing on issues like public integrity, economic justice, social justice and environmental protection.

As the state’s top law enforcement officer, Attorney General Schneiderman brings with him a wealth of experience, in both the public and private sectors. Before becoming Attorney General, Schneiderman served in the New York State Senate as a leading reformer, and was praised by numerous editorial pages and good government organizations as a rare figure in Albany who stood up to leaders of both parties to reform government and get results for New Yorkers. Among his many legislative accomplishments, Schneiderman passed strong ethics reforms, chaired the committee to expel a corrupt senator for the first time in modern history, and passed the toughest law in the nation to root out fraud against taxpayers.

The Attorney General previously spent 15 years in private practice as an attorney, and later as a partner at the firm of Kirkpatrick and Lockhart, where he handled complex litigation. He was also a public interest lawyer for many years, representing taxpayers in historic lawsuits against the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), tenants trying to evict drug dealers from their buildings, and women seeking access to health clinics.

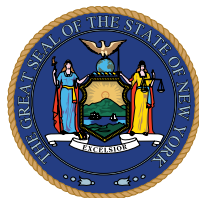
Attorney General Schneiderman graduated from Amherst College in 1977 and Harvard Law School in 1982.

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE CRIME COMMISSION

The Citizens Crime Commission of New York City traces its roots to previous citizen-based crime-fighting organizations, including the New York Society for the Prevention of Crime, founded in 1878, which helped temporarily bring down Tammany Hall and install proven reformer Theodore Roosevelt as the president of the New York City Board of Police Commissioners. A Crime Commission was formed in the 1930s to support New York District Attorney Tom Dewey's drive to clean up rackets, while another in the 1950s was primarily focused on the threat of organized crime. The present Crime Commission began operations in June 1979.

Responding to alarmingly high levels of street crime in New York City, the Crime Commission in 1990 proposed what became known as the "Safe Streets" plan, which called for hiring 5,000 additional New York City police officers. This increase provided enough staff to redirect police operations from a reactive 911 model toward a prevention approach. It was a call, in effect, to create a model of policing based on the "Broken Windows" theory. At the time, budget analysts believed that such a program would cost too much. Many academics dismissed "Broken Windows" as a fanciful notion. Political pundits declared there was little chance for the proposal to be adopted. Early in 1991, however, both the City Council and State Legislature enacted the plan and it was signed into law by the Mayor and Governor to great success to which we are still benefiting today.

As the criminal justice landscape of New York City has changed, the Crime Commission's work has evolved with it. In recent years, the police have been extremely successful in reducing crime and improving public safety, giving us the opportunity to address other relevant interventions which are not strictly the province of police, but could have a major impact on criminal activity. The Crime Commission continues to convert new ideas into action, focusing our initiatives on illegal gun crime, juvenile crime, counter-terrorism and targeted crime prevention strategies.



The Citizens Crime Commission
of New York City is a member of the
New York State Law Enforcement Council

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

GARY A. BELLER AND J. BRENDAN RYAN

The Crime Commission's Distinguished Service Award is reserved for individuals who have demonstrated an ongoing commitment to criminal justice innovation. The inaugural honorees, Gary A. Beller and J. Brendan Ryan, have served on the Crime Commission's Board of Directors for over 25 years each. Their vision and dedication have been the bedrock of the organization's efforts to reduce crime and improve the criminal justice system in New York over nearly three decades.

Gary A. Beller, who joined the Board of Directors in 1986 and currently serves as Vice Chairman, has consistently offered his wise counsel to the commission, grounded in his deep experience in the legal profession and wide knowledge of New York City's business community. He served as a senior executive and chief legal officer of MetLife Inc. and The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company for nearly a decade. Mr. Beller's tenure at MetLife was preceded by a distinguished 26 year career at American Express Company, including 16 years as the corporation's General Counsel. Mr. Beller's legal expertise was also utilized by Marsh & McLennan and Goodwin Procter LLP for periods following his retirement from MetLife.

J. Brendan Ryan, who joined the Board of Directors in 1982 and serves on the executive committee, joined Foote, Cone & Belding (FCB) in 1991 as President and CEO of FCB New York. In 1996 he was promoted to Chairman and CEO of FCB Worldwide and in June 2006 FCB merged with Draft Direct Worldwide to form DraftFCB, where Ryan was named vice chairman. Mr. Ryan has been closely involved in all key initiatives of the Crime Commission during his tenure on the board, providing keen insights based in part on his work in the advertising sector. Mr. Ryan was particularly instrumental in helping the Crime Commission to develop its "Guns=Prison" Public Service Announcement (PSA). The campaign helped educate the public about stricter penalties for illegal possession of a loaded handgun after legislation was passed raising the mandatory minimum sentence from 1 year to 3 1/2 years in prison. The PSA campaign was featured across the city on Verizon phone booths, billboards, MTA subways and buses, as well as inside restaurants.

We are deeply grateful for their service to the Crime Commission and hope they will continue to work with us for many years to come.

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Gary Beller
J. Brendan Ryan
and New York Attorney General
Eric T. Schneiderman

ABOUT THE CRIME COMMISSION

In an effort to improve public safety and policing, the Citizens Crime Commission of New York City was established by the business community in 1978 as a not for profit criminal justice policy institute.

Maintaining its focus on *converting ideas into action*, the Crime Commission addresses gaps in the criminal justice system by combining expertise in research, advocacy, education, and innovation on a broad range of issues from juvenile justice, to gun policy, to counter-terrorism, to crime prevention strategies.

Collaborating with the business community, government agencies and the public, the Crime Commission has achieved tangible results:

- Between 1979 and 2000, the Crime Commission worked with NYC criminal justice stakeholders to reduce violent crime by 50%, by helping to add 5,000 new police officers to the NYPD, and developing strategies to restore traditional community policing and create community courts.
- Over the last five years the Crime Commission has helped lead a successful coalition to expand the NY State DNA Databank to include individuals convicted of misdemeanors that have been identified as precursors to later violent criminality.
- The Crime Commission helped win passage of a state bill increasing the mandatory minimum sentence for illegal possession of a loaded handgun from 1 year to 3 1/2 years in prison.
- To bring citywide attention to the new penalty for illegal possession of a loaded handgun, the Crime Commission developed the Guns=Prison PSA campaign. The poster advertisements have been displayed across the city on phone kiosks, in buses and subways, in restaurants, bars, and nightclubs and on billboards.
- The Crime Commission is currently helping to lead the fight to reform the juvenile justice system by raising the age of criminal responsibility for nonviolent offenses to age 18.

In concert with its public policy efforts, **the Crime Commission releases a variety of publications and hosts forums featuring nationally and internationally prominent speakers**, such as: FBI Director Robert Mueller; then-UK Home Secretary John Reid; then-ATF Director Kenneth Melson; then-Commissioner of the London Metropolitan Police Sir Ian Blair; Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of NY Loretta Preska; NY State Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman; and NYC Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly, among others.

As a result, the Crime Commission has earned a reputation among the public, reporters, lawmakers, and legal professionals as an independent and objective expert on criminal justice and public safety policies and practices.

SPEAKER SERIES

For over 30 years, the Crime Commission has featured prominent government and law enforcement figures at its Speaker Series.

Recent Crime Commission Breakfast Forums, Milstein Criminal Justice Policy Forums, and James M. Fox Lectures have featured:

Jonathan Lippman

Chief Judge
New York State Court System

Franklin E. Zimring

Professor of Law
University of California-Berkeley

Loretta Preska

Chief Judge
U.S. District Court for the Southern District
of New York

Robert Mueller

Director
U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation

Kenneth Melson

Deputy Director
U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms,
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Sir Richard Dearlove

former Chief
U.K. Secret Intelligence Service (MI6)

ILLEGAL GUN CRIME INITIATIVES



This summer, *Law & Order: SVU* actor, Richard Belzer, and legendary Police Commissioner Bill Bratton filmed an ad for the Crime Commission's initiative to ban large capacity ammunition magazines.

LARGE CAPACITY AMMUNITION MAGAZINES BAN

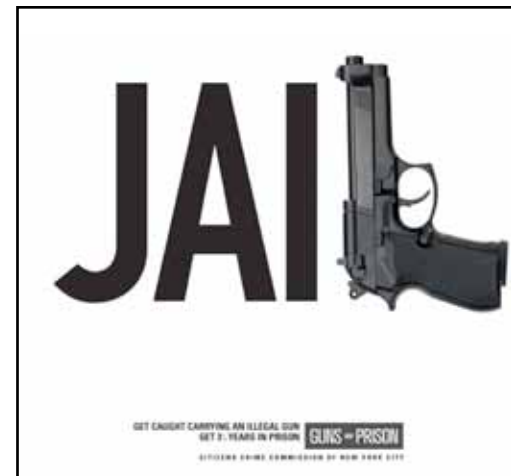
Criminals armed with weapons equipped with large capacity ammunition magazines, have gone on numerous shooting sprees causing mass fatalities across the United States. When ammunition magazines are available in large sizes, capable of holding as many as 100 rounds of bullets, the lethality of these attacks is significantly increased. Restricting an average citizen's ability to load more than 10 bullets into a gun is common sense. The Crime Commission supports restoring the ban on large capacity ammunition magazines to reduce the capacity and lethality of firearms and promote public safety.

INTERSTATE STRIKE FORCE ON ILLEGAL WEAPONS

Since weapons trafficking crosses a number of state boundaries, complicated jurisdiction and investigative issues abound, and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives is simply too small to work on the large number of trafficking cases, the Crime Commission is working with state law enforcement agencies along the I-95 corridor to form an interstate illegal weapons strike force. Sharing data among law enforcement agencies will allow police to better fight the scourge of illegal weapons trafficking.



Immediately after the mass shooting in January 2011 in Tucson, AZ, Vincent D'Onofrio, star of *Law & Order: Criminal Intent*, joined Crime Commission President Richard M. Aborn to call for restoring the ban on large capacity ammunition magazines. The two were featured in an advertisement featured on YouTube, and highlighted on CNN.



GUNS=PRISON CAMPAIGN

In 2007, the Crime Commission launched a public service campaign to bring citywide attention to the increased penalty for illegal possession of a loaded handgun. The campaign, with the tag line GUNS=PRISON, highlights the 3½ years mandatory prison sentence for carrying an illegal loaded handgun in New York. The poster advertisements are displayed across the city on phone kiosks, in buses and subways, in restaurants, bars, and nightclubs and on billboards.

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JUVENILE CRIME INITIATIVES

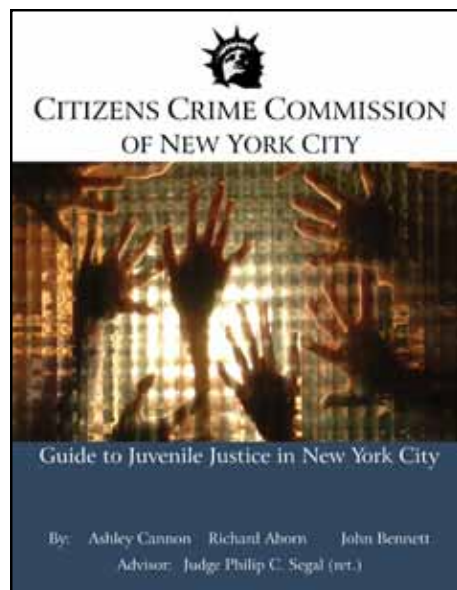
Leading members of the judicial community have spoken out about the adverse consequences of trying & punishing juveniles in adult courts & prisons:

“From a moral stand point it would be misguided to equate the failings of a minor with the failings of an adult, for a greater possibility exists that a minor’s character deficiencies will be reformed.” —U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy

“In our society we don’t allow 16- and 17-year-olds to vote or drink or serve in the military, because we know full well that they lack the necessary maturity and judgment. Why then do we treat them as adults when it comes to crime? Why? It makes no sense.”

—New York State Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman

“America and its children deserve a system of justice that not only holds children accountable for their behavior, but also protects and nurtures those who can learn from their mistakes” —Judge Michael Corriero, Founder & Executive Director of the New York Center for Juvenile Justice and author of *Judging Children As Children*



GUIDE TO JUVENILE JUSTICE IN NYC

New York’s juvenile justice system involves a complex and vast system of city and state agencies and nonprofit providers working to promote community safety by deterring crime and other anti-social behavior among the state’s young people. The policies governing the justice system, however, do not always produce these intended outcomes.

In light of increasing attention and the complexity of the juvenile justice system in New York, the Crime Commission has developed a *Guide to Juvenile Justice in New York City* to enhance the public’s understanding of the City’s juvenile justice policies and practices.

RAISE THE AGE TO 18

New York, which has a reputation for being one of the most progressive and forward-thinking states in the nation, is about to become the only state in the country that treats all youths ages 16 and over as adults in its criminal justice system, even for nonviolent offenses. This outmoded approach to justice subjects tens of thousands of young people each year to the same system of prosecution and punishment as adults—with dire consequences for the young people involved and the larger community. The Crime Commission is seeking to change this policy to put New York in line with best practices across the rest of the country.

To accomplish this goal, the Crime Commission is partnering with the New York Center for Juvenile Justice (NYCJJ)—led by retired NY Judge Michael Corriero—on a statewide initiative to raise awareness of the negative impacts of this policy and build public support for legislation to raise the age of criminal responsibility in New York to 18 years old for less serious and nonviolent crimes.

Forty eight states have taken notice of the negative impact of treating youth as adults, aligning their juvenile justice systems in a manner consistent with their developmental differences. The North Carolina General Assembly is currently considering legislation to raise the age of criminal responsibility in their state to 18—when this legislation is enacted, New York will be the only state in the nation continuing to operate under a system that has been proven ineffective.

JUVENILE JUSTICE BY THE NUMBERS

46,128 = total number of 16- and 17-year-olds who were arrested in New York State in 2010

18,334 = total number of 16- and 17-year-olds who were convicted of a crime in New York State in 2010

5,211 = total number of 16- and 17-year-olds who were convicted and sentenced to a period of incarceration (prison and jail) in 2010

CRIME PREVENTION INITIATIVES

PREVENTSTAT

The Crime Commission supports the diversion of nonviolent offenders toward alternatives to incarceration. Available data strongly suggests that these programs are less expensive and more effective than prison for many offenders, in particular those with substance abuse or mental health issues. Unfortunately, there is very little data on what works best and virtually no systematic studies of individual programs in New York—particularly in the juvenile justice system.

The Crime Commission is working to develop a new data system—PreventStat—that will aggregate data and measure effectiveness. PreventStat will draw heavily from the successful and nationally modeled system “CompStat,” the organization management tool developed by the NYPD in 1994.

PreventStat will allow stakeholders to determine which treatment programs are likely to work for offenders with specific needs, and permit the allocation of taxpayer dollars to more effective programming.

EXPANDING THE DNA DATABANK

To date, all 50 states have passed legislation authorizing the collection of DNA profiles from certain subjects for submission to the national system. These databanks hold DNA samples from selected offenders and samples collected at crime scenes. The DNA profiles can be searched on a local, state or national level to match crime scene samples to a known offender.

In 2006, the Crime Commission successfully supported the expansion of New York’s DNA databank. But New York still fails to collect DNA from more than half of all convicted criminals. By helping to solve crimes and determine the innocence of the accused, forensic DNA information has increasingly become an effective tool for law enforcement and criminal justice officials.

The Crime Commission currently recommends that DNA should be treated in the same way that fingerprints are treated—a sample should be taken for all offenses and kept in the national databank upon conviction.

DOMESTIC TERRORISM



ONLINE DATABASE: DOMESTIC TERRORISM POST-9/11

Since September 11th, 2001, there have been over 100 incidents of “home-grown” or domestic terrorism in the United States. To provide a valuable resource on this topic, the Crime Commission has compiled an extensive database of incidents including attacks, plots, support for, membership in, or connections with a terrorist organization. While information about terrorist incidents are available elsewhere, both on and off the Internet, the Crime Commission’s database is unique in providing a centralized, concise, user-friendly, and visually engaging informational resource on domestic terrorism. We will continue to add new incidents as they occur, while also monitoring previous incidents to report on the latest developments as warranted.

The database is available online: <http://www.nycrimecommission.org/domesticterrorism>

CYBERCRIME

The Crime Commission’s goals for the coming year also include addressing the threat of cybercrime. Cyber-attacks cost corporations, universities and individual citizens billions of dollars every year. They also present significant problems for law enforcement—and private businesses—in the areas of corporate security, intellectual property and even identity theft. We are working with Senator Kirsten Gillibrand’s office to sponsor an event to highlight this threat, as well as potential solutions—both on the federal and the state levels. Senators Gillibrand and Orrin Hatch recently introduced a bipartisan bill to combat cybercrime and protect our national security.

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2011

Citizens Crime Commission of New York City in partnership with Harlem's 25th Precinct Community Council

The 28th annual National Night Out took place on August 2, 2011, at Moore Playground. National Night Out is an annual nationwide event that encourages residents to get out in the community, holding block parties designed to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships as a way to encourage crime prevention.

The Crime Commission would like to thank all of the restaurants, retail stores, museums and entertainment venues that donated items for us to give away to the youth of Harlem!

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Congratulates tonight's honorees:

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Gary Beller and J. Brendan Ryan**

And applauds the work of the Crime Commission,
our partner as we seek to reform New York's Juvenile Justice System



**The Door salutes the Crime Commission
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The Door's mission is to empower young people to reach their potential by providing comprehensive youth development services in a diverse and caring environment.



**Congratulates Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman,
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for their innovation, vision, and mission to make a difference
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The mission of Harlem Mothers Stop Another Violent End (S.A.V.E.) is to prolong life among Harlem's youth by preventing gun violence and its social causes and costs. This single-issue, not-for-profit organization divides its efforts into three main areas: Activism, Education and Victim Services.



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