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## Senator Squadron Statement on Shooting Death of 16-Year-Old Boy on Lower East Side

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NEW YORK -- State Senator Daniel Squadron released the following statement in response to the shooting death of 16-year-old Raphael Ward on the Lower East Side last night:

My thoughts and prayers are with the family of Raphael Ward. No parent should ever have to face the unspeakable tragedy of losing a child.

We must continue to work together as a community to fight the scourge of gun violence and make our homes and our streets safer for our families. From stronger gun laws to improved safety at NYCHA developments, we are reminded far too often that the time to act is now.

Ward lived in Baruch Houses and the shooting took place on Columbia Street, both in Senator Squadron's district.

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