



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Senate Democrats Force Committee Vote on Common Sense Gun Violence Prevention Bill to Create Extreme Risk Protection Orders

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Law would empower families and police to stop gun violence and save lives by obtaining a court order preventing someone from possessing guns if a judge finds they are likely to harm themselves or others

In the face of Republican refusals to bring the bill to the Floor, Senator Kavanagh will force the Senate Judiciary Committee to take a vote

(Albany, NY) -- On the first Session day since the horrific shooting at Santa Fe High School in Santa Fe, Texas, Senator Brian Kavanagh today joined Senate Democratic Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Senator Brad Hoylman, and gun violence prevention and mental health advocates to press Republicans on the Senate Judiciary Committee to vote in favor of [S7133A](#), a commonsense gun violence prevention bill that would save lives by creating “extreme risk protection orders” in New York — and to call upon Republican leadership to immediately schedule a vote of the full Senate.

Despite repeated refusals by Senate Republicans to advance the bill, Senator Kavanagh forced a vote through a “motion for committee consideration” -- a parliamentary procedure defined in [Senate Rule VIII § 2\(e\)](#) that gives bill sponsors the power to compel a committee vote. Senator Kavanagh’s motion was filed on March 22nd — exactly two months to the day.

“Once again our news is dominated by a mass shooting and, once again, offering thoughts and prayers is not acceptable,” **Senate Democratic Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins said.** “We need action and this legislation is a big step towards keeping guns out of the hands of dangerous people. Since the Republicans refuse to act we will be forcing a vote on this crucial bill in committee.”

“New York has some of the strongest gun laws in the country, but we can — and must — do more. Tragedies in Santa Fe, Texas, Parkland, Florida, and elsewhere are just the most recent examples of the horrible impact gun violence has on our communities. And New York is not immune. Over 900 New Yorkers are killed by guns every year, and many more are injured. Creating extreme risk protection orders will strengthen our laws and save lives,” **State Senator Brian Kavanagh, co-prime sponsor of ERPO bill S7133A, said.** “This bill is supported by gun violence prevention advocates and experts, police, district attorneys, healthcare providers, and mental health organizations. It passed the Assembly this year with strong bipartisan support. The vast majority of Americans — and of gun owners — want to see these laws enacted. Studies show it will save lives. But Republicans in the Senate repeatedly blocked it. Today, we’re forcing every member of the Judiciary

related legislation

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- Introduced
 - In Committee Assembly
 - In Committee Senate
 - - On Floor Calendar Assembly
 - On Floor Calendar Senate
 - - Passed Assembly
 - Passed Senate
 - Delivered to Governor
 - Signed By Governor
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[Establishes extreme risk protection orders as a court-issued order of protection prohibiting a person from purchasing, possessing or attempting to purchase or possess a firearm, rifle or shotgun](#)

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