



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Anna M. Kaplan

Senator Kaplan Hosts Public Forum on Gun Violence and the Red Flag Law with New Yorkers Against Gun Violence

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PORT WASHINGTON, NY (November 8, 2019) – Yesterday, **Senator Anna M. Kaplan** and **New Yorkers Against Gun Violence (NYAGV)**, a statewide advocacy organization, held a forum at Landmark on Main in Port Washington as the first stop of a statewide campaign to educate New Yorkers about the state's new Extreme Risk Protection Order Law ("ERPO" or "Red Flag Law"). The new law, which **Senator Kaplan** proudly co-sponsored and helped pass earlier this year, went into effect on August 24, and establishes a civil court process for removing firearms from individuals who pose a serious threat to themselves or others.

"New York's new Red Flag Law is a critical tool to keep our communities safe from gun violence, and it's a tool we can all use to keep guns out of the wrong hands," said **Senator Anna M. Kaplan**. "I'm proud to have helped enact this new law, and I'm very grateful for the work of New Yorkers Against Gun Violence in helping educate the public on the role we all play in ending the epidemic of gun violence in this country."

Rebecca Fischer, NYAGV Executive Director, stated, "Now that New York has enacted the strongest Extreme Risk Protection Order law in the country, it's our job to educate New Yorkers about this life-saving civil court-process. With this new law, family, household members, school officials, and law enforcement are now empowered to prevent gun violence within our homes, schools, and communities."

NYAGV's education campaign will consist of public forums across New York State bringing together law enforcement, school officials, community leaders and others to guide New Yorkers through the ERPO process, to provide step-by-step informational materials, and to discuss other gun violence prevention solutions that will keep our schools, homes, and communities safe.

Last night's panel presentation in Port Washington included:

- New York State Senator Anna Kaplan
- Nassau County Police Commissioner Patrick Ryder
- Dr. Lorna Lewis, School Superintendent Plainview-Old Bethpage
- Rebecca Fischer, NYAGV Executive Director
- Dr. Jeffrey Oestreicher, Gun Violence Prevention, American Academy of Pediatrics
- Dr. Abid I. Khan, Director of Psychiatry, Brunswick Hospital
- With special remarks by Congressman Tom Suozzi and Linda Beigel Schulman, mother of Scott Beigel, the teacher and cross-country coach murdered in the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School massacre in Parkland, Florida.



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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

January 24, 2019

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Do you support this bill?