

## Cuomo on Background Check Defeat: "Sad Statement on Power of Extremists"

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The Senate's failure to pass a bipartisan measure that is supported by the vast majority of American people is a sad statement on the power of extremists to stand in the way of reason and common sense. Background checks for firearm sales is a reasonable measure that would help keep guns out of the hands of criminals and help keep Americans safe from gun violence. In the wake of the seemingly unending cycle of tragedy involving gun violence, the Senate's inability to pass even a watered down, minimal gun safety bill is simply unacceptable.

Cuomo was able to jam through a package of gun control measures in New York that have been sharply criticized by opponents as knee-jerk. Cuomo has seen his poll numbers drop with Republicans in the state but he has continued to trumpet his ability to pass the legislation as Washington has failed to act. Now Cuomo can [point to an actual vote](#) as the Senate failed to pass a measure that would enact background checks for private firearm sales on at gun shows and on the Internet.

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