Squadron Called For Special Session on Gun Violence in October

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State Sen. Daniel Squadron was ahead of his time as far as dealing with gun violence in New York goes.

The senator who represents parts of Brooklyn and lower Manhattan wrote an op-ed in the Daily News and held a rally where he called for legislators to return to Albany to pass bills that are aimed at reducing gun violence. One of those bills would crack down on assault weapons. At the time, legislators were considering coming back to Albany for a special session to give themselves a pay raise.

Now, following the massacre in Newton, Conn., legislators may return to Albany for a special session to pass tougher gun laws â€“ including a measure that would patch holes in the state's assault weapons ban.

Squadron issued this letter to his supporters today:

Dear Friend,

Some important news: a special legislative session I called for in October to immediately pass vital gun measures into law now may be happening.

A package of common sense measures -- including my bill to crack down on assault weapons, as well as critical background checks and limits on guns sales, and the vital crime-solving tool of microstamping -- would create the basic protections we need to truly save lives. In fact, my

assault weapons bill would ban the military-style weapon used in last week's Newtown tragedy.

Thank you to Governor Cuomo and all of my colleagues working to immediately push critical gun protection measures forward. I'll be standing with Assemblymembers Kavanagh and Schimel and others today at 2PM at City Hall to continue the call.

You can read my Daily News op-ed calling for a special legislative session on gun protections here and below, and let me know if you'd like to get involved with the push.

Thanks,

Daniel

Daniel Squadron
New York State Senator

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