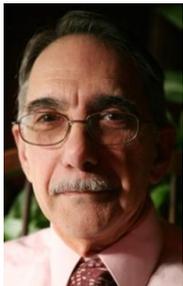




IMMIGRANTS -VS - CHARLIE BAKER

By [Bob Isadore](#)



Charlie Baker has maintained a public facade opposing the extreme policies of Donald Trump in regards to immigration. In reality, he, in fact, has aligned himself with Mr. Trump. At the end of 2017, Charlie Baker introduced a bill that would allow state law enforcement officers to detain certain undocumented immigrants **without a warrant**. Under this bill, state law enforcement officers could hold these immigrants for up to 12 hours without any semblance of due process.

Mark J. Stern of Slate News stated: "Baker's proposal is a direct response to the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court's recent decision prohibiting state and local officers from honoring so-called ICE detainees."

The SJC ruled that no Massachusetts law allows officers to detain an individual who otherwise would be free to go, simply because ICE has issued a detainer." Baker now wants the legislature to change state law to permit compliance with ICE.

According to the Boston Globe on February 21, 2018, Federal Immigration officials arrested seven undocumented immigrants who visited government offices in Massachusetts and Rhode Island last month to begin the process of becoming legal residents. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials made the disclosure in an affidavit filed Wednesday in US District Court in Boston, a week after Judge Mark Wolf demanded answers from the agency about the January 17 arrest of a Guatemalan woman.

Lilian Pahola Calderon Jimenez, a 30 year old mother of two children, was detained when she went with her husband to a government office in Johnston RI for an interview about her application for legal status. She had just been told by officials from Citizenship and Immigration Services that her marriage had been recognized as legitimate, the first step toward gaining permanent status through her marriage to her longtime partner, an American Citizen. Moments later ICE officials arrested her. She was held at a Boston Jail for three weeks before being released on February 13. Five other people had been detained in January under similar circumstances. According to the Boston Globe, Ice has become increasingly more aggressive in detaining

undocumented immigrants under Trump. In the Boston area, arrests climbed more than 50 % in the last fiscal year.

A very recent development written by Shira Schoenberg of the Republican and posted on masslive.com/politics, immigrant advocates have reached a compromise with the police over a bill in the Massachusetts legislature that aims to protect immigrants without legal status, but they have not been able to get Charlie Baker on board. Secretary of Public Safety Daniel Bennett said he has "serious concerns" with the so-called Safe Communities Act, and favors a different version proposed by Charlie Baker. The bill gained new momentum recently when a re-drafted bill got support from the Massachusetts Major City Police Chiefs Association and the members of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association. One of the bill's sponsors, Senator Jamie Eldridge D-Acton, reported that sponsors of the bill showed Bennett the re-drafted language and called it disappointing that Baker is not backing the bill. Representative Juana Matias, D-Lawrence also a sponsor of the Safe Communities Act said the bill would build trust in local police. She said, "We want everyone in the communities to feel safe and secure." Chelsea Police Chief Brian Keys, President of the Massachusetts Major City Chiefs of Police Association said the police associations agree with the provision. Keys said "We're in the business of building trust, not in the business of enforcing civil immigration law." Baker's bill would authorize state and local police to comply with detention requests from ICE.

More to come on this issue.

YARMOUTH DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS Held on February 17, 2018



The Yarmouth Democrats caucused to elect delegates to the 2018 Massachusetts Democratic Convention. "We had a great turnout" says Robert Isadore, Chair of the Yarmouth

DTC. "Out of the 50 people in attendance, we had eight men running for the six male delegate positions and 12 women running for the six female delegate positions. I



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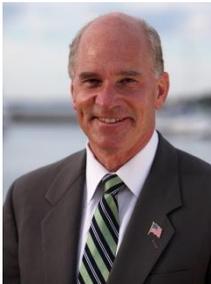
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am proud of our committee’s dedication to the process and to the ideals of the Democratic Party. Prior to the election of delegate process, the caucus attendees were addressed by Candidate for Governor Jay Gonzalez, Lt. Governor candidate Jimmy Tingle, chair of the Setti Warren Committee, John Walsh, representatives from Congressman Bill Keating, Senator Elizabeth Warren, and Attorney General Maura Healey. I thank them all for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend our caucus".



Congratulations to our elected delegates, Rose Marie Strippoli, Eleanor Igoe, Susan B. White, Sandra Milano, Rosemary Nicholls, Liz Belcher, Susan L. Warner, David Velasco, Phillip Morris, Wendell Sharp, Howard W. Watts III, David Bernstein, Michael R. Dodge, and alternate delegates Angela Carbone, Deborah Morris, and Spyro Mitrokostas.

KEATING BACKS ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN



Washington, DC –Congressman Bill Keating joined with over 160 Members of the US House to introduce HR 5087, the Assault Weapons Ban.

“I saw far too many families who were victims of gun violence when I was District Attorney, and in the years since, we have all seen far too many school shootings,” said **Congressman Keating**. “Assault weapons are weapons of war. There is no need for them for personal protection or sport and there is absolutely no need for them in our communities.

We know that the previous assault weapons ban, which was allowed to lapse in 2004, helped curb the number of incidents with assault weapons. If we want to tackle this uniquely American epidemic of gun violence that has to include stopping the sale of these killing machines.”

The Assault Weapons Ban will prohibit the sale, transfer, production, and importation of:

- Semi-automatic rifles and handguns with a military-style feature that can accept a detachable magazine;
- Semi-automatic rifles and handguns with a fixed magazine that can hold more than 10 rounds;
- Semi-automatic shotguns with a military-style feature;
- Any ammunition feeding device that can hold more than 10 rounds; and
- 205 specifically-named and listed firearms.

When an assault weapon or a high-capacity magazine is used in a shooting, the number of victims who are killed increases by 63%. There have been over 8,400 incidents of gun violence so far in 2018. More than 2,200 Americans have lost their lives. More than 500 children have been killed or injured.

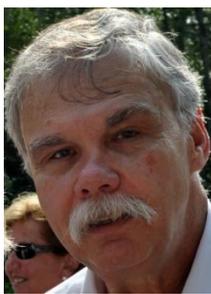
As the frequency of mass shootings has increased in recent years, assault weapons have become the weapon of choice for these murderers. Assault weapons were used in attacks on Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida and the Route 91 Harvest music festival in Las Vegas. Shooters have also used assault weapons to commit mass murder at Sandy Hook Elementary School and a movie theatre in Aurora, Colorado.

A VETERAN’S VIEW



ASSAULT RIFLES MUST BE BANNED

By [Dick Carey](#)



If you want to counter the NRA’s talking points on assault rifles you need to have the information contained in this article.

As a Marine Corps Vietnam combat veteran I strongly oppose civilian possession of all AR-15 categories of weapons. The ammunition used in these assault

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style rifles are designed to kill humans and inflict devastating injury to the body.

Despite what the NRA says, this is not a weapon for sport. More so, the use of large capacity magazines must be criminalized since these are designed for use in warfare, not hunting. The round used in the AR-15 is a .223 caliber round. The .223 high velocity round leaves the barrel at 3,300 FpS. The speed of sound is 1,125 FpS. Do not confuse the .223 with the .22 Cal. round that is used to hunt small animals and has a muzzle velocity of 1,200 Feet per Second.

The M-1 rifle that our World War II and Korean War veterans used had a magazine clip that held only five rounds of ammunition. During the Vietnam War the Pentagon issued the M-14 and M-16 rifles, both had magazine capacities of 20 rounds. The M-14 had the ability to fire one bullet with each squeeze of the trigger unless the rifle was fitted with an automatic rifle selector. The vast majority of M-14s were not fitted with the automatic rifle selector. All M-16s which are the military's version of the single shot AR-15 have the means to have automatic continuous fire or a single shot with each squeeze of the trigger.

The 'AR' in the AR-15 stands for the ArmaLite which is the original manufacture of the AR-15. *The 'AR' does not stand for 'automatic rifle.'*

A final word on discussing the 'assault rifles'...

The NRA and its members argue the AR-15 is NOT an assault rifle. Here is what I found on the Internet in that regard. Massachusetts defines an assault rifle as "A semiautomatic, center fire rifle that has the capacity to accept a detachable magazine and any two of the following: A pistol grip that protrudes conspicuously beneath the action of the **weapon**; a folding or telescoping stock; a grenade launcher or flare launcher." An Ohio bill defines an assault weapon as "an automatic firearm that has not been rendered permanently inoperable; a semi-automatic firearm capable of accepting a detachable magazine with the capacity to accept ten or more cartridges; and a semi-automatic firearm with a fixed magazine with the capacity to accept ten or more cartridges." Massachusetts and Ohio are not the only States with these definitions.

SCHOOL SECURITY



Tragedy such as the recent mass killing in Florida can bring about a number of concerns and questions regarding our community's safety and security strategies.

The Yarmouth Police Department has successfully deployed fully armed School Resource Police Officers in our schools for the past 31 years.

As students return to school today, Yarmouth Police Department School Resource Police Officers will now be in full Yarmouth Police Department uniform. They will also have access to long weapons which can match and overcome the weapons used in the most recent murders of innocent children and teachers.

In addition, we will also continue to have uniformed police presence by members of our Patrol Force at all of our Yarmouth Schools at several times a day on a daily basis when Officers are available. This practice has been in place the town of Yarmouth for the past 5 years since the mass murders at Sandy Hook Elementary in Connecticut.

Our School Resource Police Officers and Patrol Officers do a tremendous job and we are very proud of each of them!

Our schools should and can be a safe and secure place for students to learn and teachers to teach. This requires a strong commitment to safety and security from our schools and the members of our community.

The Yarmouth Police Department will continue to provide solid and realistic school security services and recommendations and would be honored to take part in constructive conversations at any time.

Please reach out to the Office of the Chief of Police at 508.775.0445 extension 2115

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL FROM ALL OF US AT THE YPD!

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MA GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACTION ALERT:

Submitted by J.S. Recknagel of Yarmouth Port

The Decker bill H3610 is in the MA Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security. This is a critical piece of legislation backed by The MA Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence, the Gifford Foundation, and the Educational Fund to Stop Gun Violence. The Decker Bill establishes ERPO - "Extreme Risk Protection Order" in MA, which would enable courts to temporarily prohibit a person from possessing or purchasing guns if law enforcement or immediate family members show that he poses a significant danger to him/herself or to others. This bill has been extended to April 15. Another important bill involving ERPO has already died so this one needs a big push to get passed. (Suggested talking points in quotes.)

1) Call your State Representative –

Rep. Dylan Fernandes, 617-722-2430; Rep. Sarah Peake, 617-722-2040; Rep. Timothy Whelan and Rep. Will Crocker, both at 617-722-2014; Rep. Randy Hunt, 617-722-2800; Rep. David Vieira, 617-722-2230.

"I am a constituent and I want to register my support for the Decker Bill, H3610, which would establish Extreme Risk Protection Orders to prevent gun violence, I hope you will please advocate for this important piece of legislation."

2) Call the Chairs of the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Rep. Harold Naughton, Chair, 617-722-2230; Sen. Michael Moore, Chair, 617-722-1485

"I would like to register my support with the joint committee chair's staff for the Decker Bill H3610, which would establish Extreme Risk Protection Orders to prevent gun violence. Especially in light of the Parkland shooting, I would like to see this legislation be reported out of committee favorably."

3) Call House Speaker Robert DeLeo, 617-722-2500

"I would like to register my support with Speaker DeLeo for the Decker Bill H3610, which would establish Extreme Risk Protection Orders to prevent gun violence. Especially in light of the Parkland shooting, I would ask the Speaker to assist moving this legislation favorably out of committee, and that he helps continue supporting the Bill."

NRA PROTESTS

March 1, 2018 (ongoing): COMPANY BOYCOT

Last week the students from Parkland, Florida began encouraging companies who partner with the NRA — offering perks or discounts to members — to sever ties with the organization. Over a dozen companies have dropped their NRA partnership.

March 14, 2018: NATIONAL SCHOOL WALK-OUT

The Walk-Out is scheduled for 10 a.m. in every time zone, organizers are encouraging teachers, students, administrators, parents and allies to walk out for *17 minutes* — one for every person murdered at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

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