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Newtown Action Alliance Joins NYAGV in calling on Fred Dicker to Apologize for his "Little Convenient Massacre" Remark

Radio Show Host and NY Post Columnist Must Issue an Immediate Apology

New York City, NY, January 13, 2014 – Today, on “Live from the State Capitol”, Fred Dicker referred to the tragedy in Newtown, CT that resulted in the deaths of twenty school children and six educators as a “little convenient massacre”. He owes the families of these victims an immediate apology and, until he gives one, advertisers of the NY Post and TalkAM 1300 should pull their business.

Monte Frank of the Newtown Action Alliance, a grassroots organization founded by Newtown residents in the weeks after December 14, 2012, said, "I cannot understand how anyone can call "convenient" the murder of twenty children and six educators at the school down the road here in Sandy Hook. I pray that no community has to experience the horrific tragedy we did. Mr. Dicker owes the families of those who lost loved ones in the Sandy Hook tragedy an apology. We applaud Governor Cuomo and our neighbors in New York for having the courage to enact the SAFE Act to reduce the risk of another community having to experience the horror we endured."

“The massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary was a heartbreaking tragedy for the 26 families that lost their loved ones and for the nation as a whole. For Fred Dicker to call such an event “convenient” is shocking. Mr. Dicker should issue an immediate on-air apology to the Newtown families who lost children and loved ones on that life-changing morning last December. Until he takes that step, we are calling on advertisers to stand in solidarity with the families of Newtown by boycotting media outlets that give Mr. Dicker a platform for such hateful comments including the New York Post and TalkAM1300,” said Leah Gunn Barrett, Executive Director of NYAGV. “Gun violence takes thousands of lives every year, causing unspeakable heartbreak and grief for families. No matter what your politics, these victims deserve our respect and support, and we as a society cannot stand idly by when their tragedies are instead offered derision and disdain.”

About New Yorkers Against Gun Violence

New Yorkers Against Gun Violence (NYAGV) is a statewide advocacy group working to reduce gun violence through advocacy and education designed to encourage action, influence public opinion and lead to policy change. With a primary focus on New York State, the organization also advocates at the local and national levels for sensible laws, policies and practices that protect New York State residents from gun violence. There are solutions to gun violence and citizens can make their voices heard by signing up to become a member of NYAGV at www.nyagv.org.

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