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On Monday June 22nd the New York State Police released the numbers for the “Assault Weapons” registration. Registration was mandated by the NY SAFE Act, which was passed on January 15th 2013. These numbers have been sought by numerous groups and news organization since the registration deadline passed on April 15, 2014. Prior to this, the New York State Police have refused to release the information.

On April 30, 2015, Judge Thomas McNamara, New York State Supreme Court Albany County, ruled in *Robinson v Cuomo* that the information must be released.

The total number of “Assault Weapons” registered is **44,485**. Estimates of the total number of guns that now qualify as “Assault Weapons” under the NY SAFE Act vary. The NSSF (National Shooting Sports Foundation, the firearms manufacturer’s trade association) estimates there are as many as a million. Jake McGuigan of NSSF said, “The estimate of one million firearms in New York State that qualify for the registration requirement under the SAFE Act is based on industry sales data and Federal NICS Background checks conducted over a 10 Year Period”. If those numbers are anywhere near accurate, compliance with the Assault Weapons Registration, **is less than 5%**. Additionally, the total number from New York City and Long Island is 16,331, more than one third of the total. North of New York City the compliance with NY SAFE Act appears to be in the low single digits.

Stephen Aldstadt, S.C.O.P.E. President, said, “ I am not surprised by these numbers. This law was passed in the middle of the night, with no input from Law Enforcement, Mental Health Professionals, or any other stakeholder. The majority of County and Local Governments have called for it's repeal. This is an example of a bad law and it undermines the citizens respect for the law.”

Paloma Capanna, S.C.O.P.E Director of Legal Affairs and attorney for plaintiff Bill Robinson, will be available for questions. She will be speaking at 7:00 pm Thursday June 25th at a meeting of the Fulton County S.C.O.P.E. Committee. The meeting will be held at 491 Johnson Avenue Extension, Johnstown, NY 12095.

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