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## **Johnson: Extend Federal Assault Weapons Ban** *Connecticut Law Keeps Assault Weapons Off the Street*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – While Connecticut law still makes assault weapons illegal, Congresswoman Nancy Johnson today said the federal assault weapons ban should be extended to keep these guns off the street in every state in the nation.

“I support extending the ban to ensure the continued safety of our communities and our police forces,” Johnson said. “Without a continuation of the federal ban, AK47-style weapons will cross state lines and return to threaten our neighborhoods, and the giant strides we have made to reduce violence in the last decade will be lost. I believe that extending the ban will keep guns out of the hands of dangerous criminals while protecting access to firearms for hunting and recreation.”

“While Connecticut’s strong law will remain in effect to help keep military-style weapons off the street, this law should be the law in every state,” Johnson added.

The federal assault weapons ban, enacted in 1994, expired today. **Johnson is an original co-sponsor of H.R. 3831, legislation to extend the assault weapons ban for another 10 years. H.R. 3831 currently has 137 House co-sponsors.**

The 1993 Connecticut law making it illegal to sell, transport, or possess certain assault weapons remains in effect. The law banned future sales of 63 types of military style weapons. Combining parts to convert a firearm into an assault weapon was also banned.

This comes on the heels of news that crime has decreased 55 percent over the last 10 years, according to a recent Justice Department report. Overall crime rates stand at a 30 year low, according to the report.

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