



Angus McQuilken for Congress

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6th District Congressional Candidate Angus McQuilken Receives Moms Demand Action 2020 Gun Sense Candidate Distinction

Beverly, MA - Angus McQuilken, Democratic Congressional candidate in Massachusetts 6th Congressional District, has earned the Moms Demand Action Gun Sense Candidate Distinction. This comes as the Angus McQuilken Campaign spends this week recognizing the lead up to National Gun Violence Prevention Day and Wear Orange Day on June 5th-7th. The campaign has been sharing resources all week, including going onto Facebook Live on Thursday at 7 pm for a discussion with gun violence prevention leaders from the 6th District.

McQuilken has spent the past three decades fighting successfully to ensure that Massachusetts has the most effective gun laws in the nation. He is a co-founder of the Massachusetts Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence, formed after the massacre of children and educators in Newtown, CT. Mom's Demand Action is a member organization of the Coalition. McQuilken served as Chief of Staff to State Senator Cheryl Jacques, the lead sponsor of the Massachusetts Gun Control Act of 1998, and as a board member for States United to Prevent Gun Violence, a national gun violence prevention organization that supports the work of state-level advocacy groups.

McQuilken has worked with coalition partners to successfully pass legislation strengthening licensing standards and background checks for firearms purchases, banning assault weapons and high capacity ammunition magazines, mandating safe storage of firearms, creating extreme risk protection orders to keep guns out of the hands of individuals that the courts have determined pose an extreme risk to themselves or others, and improving gun violence data collection.

“I want to thank Moms Demand Action for naming me a Gun Sense Candidate and for all of the work we have done together to enact the most effective gun laws in the nation here in Massachusetts,” said McQuilken. “2019 was a record year for gun violence in America, claiming more than 40,000 lives. I want to be the member of Congress that will not take no for an answer on meaningful and effective national gun laws, modeled on what we know works here in Massachusetts. To succeed we need to build a broad-based national coalition that can out-lobby the NRA. I have the experience to get this done, having successfully built coalitions to bring gun reform to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.”

Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America is part of Everytown for Gun Safety, the largest grassroots gun violence prevention organization in the country.

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