

GUNS ON THE BALLOT:

THE D'ESPOSITO-GILLEN REMATCH IN NY-04

ANTHONY D'ESPOSITO (R, INCUMBENT) V. LAUREN GILLEN (D)

The election for New York's 4th Congressional District is set to be one of the [most competitive](#) in the country this November, and gun safety is on the ballot. In New York's 4th Congressional District, incumbent Rep. Anthony D'Esposito has consistently voted against gun safety laws and [has a history of being careless](#) with his gun -- even as a sworn police officer. Lauren Gillen, who is challenging D'Esposito for the second time, is endorsed by Brady PAC for her strong support of gun safety measures. Gillen narrowly lost to D'Esposito by just 3.6% in 2022, setting the stage for a highly anticipated rematch in 2024. With the balance of power in Congress potentially at stake, the outcome of this contest could shape the future of gun legislation across the country.



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REP. D'ESPOSITO HAS REPEATEDLY SUPPORTED POLICIES THAT UNDERMINE OUR NATION'S GUN SAFETY LAWS AND ADVANCE A GUNS EVERYWHERE AGENDA:

- He [cosponsored](#) the **Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act**, which would have allowed an individual who is eligible to carry a concealed firearm in one state to carry or possess a concealed handgun in all other states, regardless of state and local laws. This bill would have overridden most state and local gun laws and carried penalties for interfering with a person's "right to conceal carry."
- He has [opposed a federal assault weapons ban](#), even after an assault rifle was used in the assassination attempt on former President Trump.
- He [introduced a bill](#) requiring mandatory active shooter training for Congressional staffers, citing recent security threats including the assassination attempt on former President Trump and a bomb threat to his own office. While aiming to enhance preparedness, the bill does nothing to address the root causes of gun violence or prevent future attacks, instead focusing solely on response to active shooter situations.

REP. D'ESPOSITO HAS A [100% RATING](#) BY GUN OWNERS OF AMERICA (GOA) – BUT HE HASN'T ALWAYS BEEN A RESPONSIBLE GUN OWNER.

- He reportedly [left his NYPD-issued firearm unattended](#) in a car in 2015 where it was then stolen – showing his irresponsible gun ownership practices.

CHALLENGER LAUREN GILLEN ADVOCATES FOR STRONGER GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION LAWS.

- She [promises](#) to "tirelessly work for common sense gun legislation that will protect our families" and criticizes D'Esposito's record as too lax on gun safety.

- She has [stated](#) “federal law does more to protect ducks than it does to protect children” when it comes to guns.
- The stakes for New York this November are high: Despite having the fourth lowest firearm death rate nationally, [960 people](#), including 35 children, are killed annually – 459 by suicide, 477 by homicide, and seven unintentionally. **Every nine hours, someone in the state dies from gun violence.**