### Kristen Gillibrand

**State Affiliation:** New York  
**Background:** Senator (D-NY)  
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### Positions & Quotes

| Arming teachers is "a dumb idea and I think it is something being pitched by the NRA because all they care about is gun sales. They are absolutely corrupted. They are focused on greed and they want to sell guns to people on the terror watch list, to people with grave mental illness, with violent backgrounds or people with criminal convictions for violent crimes, which is why they're against the universal background check bill that people support across this country, and it's also why they oppose the Violence Against Women’s Act." | [Washington Examiner](#) |

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"Well, it is extraordinarily heartbreaking and it's infuriating because Congress literally has done nothing in the face of gun death after gun death in communities all across this country. And it is because of the greed: the greed of the gun manufacturers and the greed of the NRA,"

In 2006, then-Rep. Gillibrand earned an “A” rating from the National Rifle Association; when she joined the Senate in 2009, her NRA rating dropped to an “F”

"I think the most outrageous thing that has happened to our democracy is how much fear and division and hate has been spread... I think the NRA is the worst organization in this country for doing exactly that. They care more about their profits than the American people."

“Yeah, stop being beholden to the NRA like President Trump is... Remember after the shooting in Las Vegas, he [Trump] said, yeah, yeah we’re gonna ban the bump stocks. Did he ban the bump stocks? No, because the NRA came crashing down and said, ‘Don’t you dare do any restrictions on our guns around this country.’ It is such a false choice.”

"So, if you’re talking about ending gun violence, it’s the greed of the NRA and the gun manufacturers that make any progress impossible."