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## Congressman Babin meets with Local Law Enforcement Leaders on the TAPS Act

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WOODVILLE, TX - U.S. Rep. Brian Babin (TX-36) participated in four working meetings with law enforcement leaders from across his nine-county district this week. The meetings were attended by dozens of seasoned lawmen and women with decades of expertise including the U.S. Marshal Service, Texas Rangers, County Sheriffs and Constables, Police Chiefs, and other representatives from local police departments and schools.

Discussed in the meetings was Babin's bipartisan Threat Assessment, Prevention, and Safety Act (TAPS) Act<<https://babin.house.gov/taps/>&gt; which was recently reintroduced. The TAPS Act promotes utilizing the process of Behavioral Threat

Assessment and Management (BTAM) for determining the credibility and seriousness of potential threats and interrupting and managing those on a pathway to violence. For decades this process has been in place to identify, investigate, assess, and mitigate threats in order to counter targeted violence. Pioneered by the U.S. Secret Service, BTAM has proven successful in protecting our presidents and foreign dignitaries. The TAPS Act would spread this process to

"As we approach the 20th anniversary of the Columbine High School tragedy, it is unfathomable to think we still are not doing enough to prevent the indiscriminate shootings, stabbings, bombings and other mass casualty events occurring all too often in our schools and communities," said Babin. Thankfully, we've found a bipartisan solution. Our local leaders and law enforcement are the professionals with the boots on the ground who have dedicated their lives to protecting our communities from violence, and I am thrilled to have received their overwhelmingly positive support for the TAPS Act."

To learn more about the TAPS Act, please visit

[www.babin.house.gov/taps/](http://www.babin.house.gov/taps/)&lt;<http://www.babin.house.gov/taps/>&gt;.



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