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Threat Assessment, Prevention, and Safety Act

THE TAPS ACT

H.R. 838, the Threat Assessment, Prevention, and Safety (TAPS) Act

55 Republican / 55 Democrat

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American Foundation for Suicide Prevention	Houston Police Department	North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation (NCSBI)
American Psychoanalytic Association (APsaA)	**International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)**	Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost
Anxiety and Depression Association of America	LiveSafe Inc.	San Bernardino City Unified School
Association of Threat Assessment Professionals (ATAP)	**National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)**	District Police Department
Association of University and College Counseling Center Directors (AUCCCD)	**National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (NASMHPD)**	San Diego County Office of Education
		Sandy Hook Promise
Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA)	National Board for Certified Counselors	National Alliance to Advance Adolescent Health
Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE)	National Center for Citizen Safety (NCCSAFE)	Texas Municipal Police Association (TMPA)
Florida Police Chiefs Association (FPCA)	National Council for Behavioral Health	Tyonek Native Corporation
Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (GILEE)	National District Attorneys Association (NDAA)	**University of North Carolina System**
	National Fraternal Order of Police (FOP)	WalkUp Foundation
	National Sheriffs' Association (NSA)	<u>**AND MORE…**</u>
	North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police (NCACP)	

Horrific mass casualty events are happening too often and are impacting our nation indiscriminately. Americans want a solution – <u>we've found one.</u>

For decades, the process of Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management (BTAM) has been used successfully to <u>identify</u>, <u>investigate</u>, <u>assess</u>, and <u>mitigate</u> threats to counter targeted violence. Pioneered by the Secret Service, BTAM helps to determine the credibility of a threat and interrupt those on a pathway to violence. **<u>Even the Capitol Police has its own BTAM unit to protect Members and staff and has been doing so since 1986</u>**. If this evidence-based process works to protect our presidents, foreign dignitaries, celebrities, and us, **why aren't we using it to protect our schools and communities?**

"Let's manage the threat before an attack occurs because by the time the first shot has fired, it is too late – we have failed." – Rep. Babin

The reality is that no reactive method is fast enough to stop the first shot from being fired. It is imperative that we manage threats before an attack can occur. **The TAPS Act will:**

- Provide guidelines and best practices across the Federal Government and down to the state and local levels;
- Provide states and local entities the training, resources, and support needed to stand up community-based, multidisciplinary behavioral threat assessment and management units; and
- Establish a temporary working group made up of experts in BTAM to make recommendations to Congress for a National Strategy for preventing targeted violence.

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