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The Honorable Brian Babin, D.D.S.
United States House of Representatives
2236 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Endorsement of the HR 838 The Threat Assessment, Prevention, and Safety (TAPS) Act

Dear Dr. Babin,

At a recent meeting, the board of directors of the American Association for Emergency Psychiatry voted to endorse HR 838 / S 265, The TAPS Act. Our mission is to champion interdisciplinary collaboration in the treatment of behavioral emergencies and our membership consists of psychiatrists, emergency medicine physicians, and other allied professionals and stakeholders. While we fully appreciate that the intersection between violence and mental illness is limited but significant, we are also fully aware of the importance of meaningful structures to support collaboration between healthcare, law enforcement, and other professionals to prevent violent acts before they can occur. We believe that the TAPS Act can provide critical tools to help us do our work better.

Sincerely,

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