



Florida Police Chiefs Association

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The Honorable Marco Rubio
United States Senate
284 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Rubio,

On behalf of the Florida Police Chiefs Association (FPCA), representing more than 900 of Florida's top law enforcement executives, I am pleased to offer our support of your bipartisan Threat Assessment, Prevention, and Safety (TAPS) Act of 2019 (S. 265).

The TAPS Act supports the FPCA's mission of enhancing public safety and security by seeking to mitigate the scourge of targeted violence and mass casualty events that have impacted Florida and our nation. Unfortunately, we know that perpetrators of such violence often exhibit clear and repeated signs indicating they seek to harm others. We must leverage expertise in the field of behavioral threat assessment and management in order to prevent future tragedies.

The provisions in the TAPS Act will help law enforcement utilize evidence-based behavioral threat assessment expertise to implement best practices to help prevent future attacks. The legislation will bring together experts in the field of behavioral threat assessment and management to develop guidelines and best practices but supports locally driven solutions, not a national standard.

As communities continue to confront threats of targeted violence, we must come together to support sensible solutions. The TAPS Act of 2019 will provide law enforcement and communities important tools to prevent violence before it happens.

We appreciate your ongoing leadership on this issue and are pleased that Representative Brian Babin is leading the bipartisan companion bill in the House of Representatives (H.R. 838). The FPCA is proud to support the TAPS Act and encourages the Senate and the House of Representatives to quickly pass this legislation.

Sincerely,

Chief David Perry
President

cc: Executive Director Amy Mercer, the Florida Police Chiefs Association
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