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April 1, 2019

The Honorable Dr. Brian Babin
United States House of Representatives
2236 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Letter of Endorsement
House Resolution #838 – Threat Assessment, Prevention, and
Safety Act of 2019

Dear Representative Babin:

As a joint project of Georgia State University's Andrew Young School of Policy Studies and local, state, federal, and international law enforcement and public safety agencies, it has been the mission of the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (GILEE) to enhance law enforcement executive development and international cooperation for the provision of better law enforcement services and public safety through the protection of civil rights. GILEE's focus has been on anti-terrorism training ever since its establishment in 1992; initially to protect the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games and later to improve preparedness for terror threats. Following the September 11, 2001 terrorist atrocity, GILEE has focused on enhancing homeland security efforts through international cooperation and training programs. GILEE's goal is to provide peer-to-peer professional training through the introduction of best practices in order to enhance agency capabilities to better deal with threats to public safety and improve security.

GILEE has hosted annual Law Enforcement/Private Sector Business Continuity Summits (<https://gilee.gsu.edu/programs/law-enforcement-bc-summit/>) since 2009. In 2013, the Summit focused on the issue of workplace violence. Since that time, the sharp increase in the frequency and scope of mass shootings has caused much discussion of methods by which such incidents can be mitigated and, hopefully, prevented. It is our belief that the Threat Assessment and Management approach (*broadly defined as the set of investigative and operational techniques used by law enforcement and security professionals to identify, assess and manage risks of targeted violence and its potential perpetrators*) as identified in the legislation is and has been best practice in this arena for some time.



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Accordingly, it is an honor for the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (GILEE) to offer its full endorsement of the referenced legislation now pending in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Friedmann", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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GILEE Founding Director