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Representative Brian Babin
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Marco Rubio
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Representative Babin and Senator Rubio,

On behalf of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, I am writing to express our support for the Threat Assessment, Prevention, and Safety (TAPS) Act of 2019 (H.R. 838/S. 265). The TAPS Act creates a task force of subject matter experts who will assist in creating a national strategy to prevent targeted violence through threat assessment and management. The national strategy will provide resources, training, and assistance in establishing and operating locally-driven, multidisciplinary threat assessment and management units as well as a specialized school threat assessment program.

Proactiveness is the key to preventing attacks on schools, places of worship, businesses, and other entities. Prior to an attack, an assailant’s behavior has usually shown cause for concern. Creating a national strategy and taskforce to recognize and address such behaviors is an important step to preventing these acts of violence from occurring.

On behalf of our more than 31,000 members, thank you for introducing this important legislation. The IACP stands ready to assist you as we continue to work together on issues important to policing and our communities.

Sincerely,

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