



February 5, 2019

The Honorable Brian Babin
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Babin:

On behalf of LiveSafe Inc., the leading technology platform for community-sourced risk intelligence reporting, I'm writing to inform you that our organization is offering our formal endorsement of the Threat Assessment, Prevention, and Safety (TAPS) Act (H.R. 838/S. 265).

There is no denying the pressing need to enhance security at our nation's K-12 schools. But efforts to date have focused too heavily on point solutions for hardening school facilities – an approach that most school systems can't afford, often leads to the development and purchase of homegrown or consumer-grade systems, and one that fails to address the larger requirement of integrated threat assessment training, prevention tools and information sharing.

For too long, the process of improving safety and security at our nation's schools has taken a backseat to overheated political rhetoric. We believe that the TAPS Act's focus on prevention is the right solution at the right time. Because the proven threat assessment and management methodology developed by the U.S. Secret Service is a central component of the TAPS Act, we believe this bill holds the promise of introducing real change.

However, our experience helping to protect more than 160 colleges and universities around the country, dozens of Fortune 1,000 companies and K-12 schools across eight states has taught us that security and risk management training has limited benefits without a corresponding operational component. LiveSafe stands ready to support your leadership and effort to get the TAPS Act signed into law by sharing our knowledge and expertise in operationalizing the threat assessment and risk reporting process.

LiveSafe has played a central role in preventing a wide range of safety and security incidents across industries and throughout our nation's schools. Because we've helped these organizations prevent thousands of incidents, from minor safety hazards to harassment, student suicide attempts, violent crimes and active threats, we know the value that an enterprise-class tip reporting platform can offer.

We believe we have the knowledge, expertise and years of experience that can help you bring the threat assessment and management training called for under the TAPS Act to life for teachers, staff, students and parents throughout our K-12 education system. We also stand ready to leverage the expertise and experience of our world-class team of advisors from federal, local and campus law enforcement, homeland security and the intelligence community on behalf of this training and education effort.

I've included an outline of our vision and approach to prevention in the attached white paper, *The New Prevention Movement*. This paper outlines our approach as the operational component of the 'See Something, Say Something' methodology. It is our hope that this White Paper will help inform your thinking as you refine future versions of the TAPS Act in the upcoming 116th Congress. The approach outlined in this paper is supported by the following key individuals, who serve as corporate and education advisors to LiveSafe:



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LiveSafe supporters and advisors who have endorsed our approach to prevention:

- Governor Tom Ridge, First Secretary of Homeland Security
- Kristina Anderson, Co-Founder of LiveSafe and the Koshka Foundation for Safe Schools, and the most injured survivor of the 2007 Virginia Tech shooting
- Commissioner Ray Kelly, Former Commissioner NYPD
- Mark Sullivan, 22nd Director, U.S. Secret Service

Governor Ridge issued the following statement in support of LiveSafe's approach to prevention:

"I have worked with LiveSafe over the past several years and I now appreciate more than ever the role and power of prevention. The capacity this capability creates for our nation's schools is transformational."

— Gov. Tom Ridge, First Secretary of Homeland Security

Mark Sullivan, a 35-year veteran Federal law enforcement officer and a former Director of the U.S. Secret Service, said the following about the LiveSafe approach to prevention:

"I have been honored to be involved with LiveSafe for nearly 6 years. During that time I have been impressed with their proactive and common sense risk management approach in evaluating and responding to potential threats. LiveSafe's innovative technology platform provides instantaneous and actionable intelligence which can mean the difference between preventing tragedies from occurring and reacting to tragedies that have occurred."

— Mark Sullivan, 22nd Director, U.S. Secret Service

We stand ready to answer any questions you may have and would like to request a meeting to discuss how LiveSafe can assist you as you continue to refine the TAPS Act for reintroduction in the 116th Congress.

Dan Verton, LiveSafe's Content Leader & Strategist, or Anne Cynamon, our National Director of Education Programs, are available to coordinate a meeting at your earliest convenience. They can be reached directly at 703-869-9093 / dan.verton@livesafemobile.com or 202-421-9262 / anne@livesafemobile.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carolyn J. Parent".

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