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Letter of Support, HR 838

Threat Assessment Prevention, and Safety, (TAPS) Act

As a law enforcement leader with more than 25 years of experience, I understand firsthand the devastating impacts of violence and how often that violence could be prevented through common sense measures. The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office advocates for and participates in many multidisciplinary and comprehensive approaches to address public safety concerns in our community.

Specific to individual threats of targeted violence or mass violence, one growing proactive and preventative approach seeing success the last several years is community safety assessments. These assessments are also referred to as threat assessments and they provide a multidisciplinary team structure evaluating an individual's pathway to targeted violence.

In Multnomah County, a large metropolitan area encompassing two city police departments, the county sheriff, state police, and several hospital and higher education campus police agencies, these teams are critical to sharing information and pulling in additional resources to intervene in rapidly evolving situations. Although law enforcement is necessary at times, the partnerships with victims' advocates, mental health professionals, educators, employers, families, and other supportive connections is the key to successfully preventing an act of violence. I fully support the bipartisan **Threat Assessment Prevention, and Safety (TAPS) Act, H.R. 838**.

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