



# NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

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The Honorable Dr. Brian Babin  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2236 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Babin:

On behalf of the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) and the more than 3,000 elected sheriffs nationwide, I write in support of H.R. 838 The Threat Assessment, Prevention, and Safety (TAPS) Act. This important piece of legislation takes the necessary steps to ensure the safety of our communities by establishing a Joint Threat Assessment and Management Task Force.

The TAPS Act seeks to provide insight from a multitude of disciplines, so to establish a well-rounded working group. This group has both the institutional knowledge and experience to assist the Department of Homeland Security in these efforts. The National Sheriffs' Association supports and understands the vital role that legislation providing strategy, guidelines, and standards plays in local law enforcement efforts to protect and serve their communities. With the increasing threat of school violence and other public attacks, this action is a step in the right direction as we seek to protect our communities from the increasing horrors of targeted violence.

The TAPS Act looks at multi-disciplined approach of how to best intervene and combat these random acts of violence before they take place. NSA supports your efforts to work towards a comprehensive solution that addresses both mental health and community safety over-horizon analysis of issues to the affect of law enforcement.

Sincerely,

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