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

Dear Congressman Babin:

The Ohio Attorney General's office supports the proposed Threat Assessment, Prevention, and Safety (TAPS) Act of 2019 establishing a national policy on behavioral threat assessment and management. I endorse H.R. 838 and appreciate the collaborative, multi-disciplinary approach and incorporation of a task force strategy, as well as funding opportunities for federal, state and local communities.

The TAPS Act seeks to provide insight from a variety of disciplines to establish a well-rounded working group. This group would have the institutional knowledge and experience to assist the Department of Homeland Security in this effort. I understand the vital role that legislation providing strategy, guidelines, and standards plays in local law enforcement efforts to protect and serve their communities.

Unfortunately, the United States has experienced frequent incidents of targeted violence. Law enforcement and prosecutors face the daunting task of responding to these tragedies and ensuring justice for the victims. I am confident that the TAPS Act takes important steps to help protect our communities.

I appreciate your commitment to make our communities safer and look forward to working alongside your staff to move this bipartisan legislation forward. I request that Mark Porter, Director of Law Enforcement Operations for my agency, be considered as a member of this task force. Prior to joining my staff, Mark was the Special Agent in Charge of the U.S. Secret Service's Protective Intelligence & Assessment Division and would bring detailed knowledge and extensive experience in this area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dave Yost".

Dave Yost  
Attorney General