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To: Honorable Congressman Brian Babin  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2236 Rayburn House Office Building  
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Congressman Babin:

The San Bernardino City Unified School District Police Department would like to extend its support for the TAPS Act of 2019 (H.R. 838). Proactiveness is the key to preventing attacks on schools, businesses, places of worship, and other entities. Prior to an attack, it is almost always the case that an assailant's behavior has shown cause for concern. Creating a strategy and taskforce to recognize and address such behaviors is an imperative and necessary step to preventing these acts of violence from occurring.

The citizens of San Bernardino, California along with the rest of the United States should not live in fear of leaving their homes. The Threat Assessment Prevention Act would set into motion a process in which at-risk subjects are evaluated and managed in an effort to prevent the contemplation of an attack. The SBCUSD Police Department supports this important legislation with the goal of intervention, prevention, and keeping our schools and communities safe.

One of the key components of the TAPS Act is to "recognize that behavioral threat assessments and management processes must become part of the culture and fabric of contemporary law enforcement." Those in law enforcement must act now to save lives. The TAPS Act will assist law enforcement and communities throughout the United States to set up their own threat assessment processes.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me:

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Gutierrez".

JOHN GUTTIEREZ  
Sergeant