



## **H.R. 838, the Threat Assessment, Prevention, and Safety (TAPS) Act**

**46 Republican / 46 Democrat**

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American Foundation for Suicide Prevention  
 American Psychoanalytic Association (APsaA)  
 Anxiety and Depression Association of America  
**Association of Threat Assessment Professionals (ATAP)**  
**Association of University and College Counseling Center Directors (AUCCCD)**  
 Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA)  
 Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE)  
 Florida Police Chiefs Association (FPCA)  
 Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (GILEE)

Houston Police Department  
**International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)**  
 LiveSafe Inc.  
**National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)**  
**National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (NASMHPD)**  
 National Board for Certified Counselors  
 National Center for Citizen Safety (NCCSAFE)  
 National Council for Behavioral Health  
 National District Attorneys Association (NDAA)  
**National Fraternal Order of Police (FOP)**  
**National Sheriffs' Association (NSA)**  
 North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police (NCACP)

North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation (NCSBI)  
 Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost  
 San Bernardino City Unified School District Police Department  
 San Diego County Office of Education  
**Sandy Hook Promise**  
 National Alliance to Advance Adolescent Health  
 Texas Municipal Police Association (TMPA)  
 Tyonek Native Corporation  
**University of North Carolina System**  
 WalkUp Foundation  
**AND MORE...**

Horrific mass casualty events are happening too often and are impacting our nation indiscriminately. Americans want a solution – **we've found one.**

For decades, the process of Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management (BTAM) has been used successfully to identify, investigate, assess, and mitigate threats to counter targeted violence. Pioneered by the Secret Service, BTAM helps to determine the credibility of a threat and interrupt those on a pathway to violence. **Even the Capitol Police has its own BTAM unit to protect Members and staff and has been doing so since 1986.** If this evidence-based process works to protect our presidents, foreign dignitaries, celebrities, and us, **why aren't we using it to protect our schools and communities?**

**"Let's manage the threat before an attack occurs because by the time the first shot has fired, it is too late – we have failed." – Rep. Babin**

The reality is that no reactive method is fast enough to stop the first shot from being fired. It is imperative that we manage threats before an attack can occur. **The TAPS Act will:**

- Provide guidelines and best practices across the Federal Government and down to the state and local levels;
- Provide states and local entities the training, resources, and support needed to stand up community-based, multidisciplinary behavioral threat assessment and management units; and
- Establish a temporary working group made up of experts in BTAM to make recommendations to Congress for a National Strategy for preventing targeted violence.

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