

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable John Culberson
Chairman
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,
Science and Related Agencies
H-310, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable José Serrano
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,
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1016 Longworth House Office Building
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and
Human Services, Education, and
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The Honorable DeLauro
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Culberson, Ranking Member Serrano, Chairman Cole, and Ranking Member DeLauro,

As you work on drafting the FY18 omnibus appropriations bill, we respectfully request that you increase funding for programs that will enhance school security.

Schools should be a safe place for all children to learn and develop. Sadly, violent incidents and mass shootings have shown that schools and college campuses are uniquely vulnerable targets in our society. It is essential that local leaders have the tools they need to enhance the security of their school grounds in order to prevent the needless loss of life.

Schools and college campuses have unfortunately become targets for gun violence and it is essential that Congress support advances in construction, technological tools, safety protocols, and emergency preparedness. Active shooter response training programs, law enforcement grants, violence prevention programs, funding for counselors in schools, anti-bullying programs, and gang prevention programs should receive robust funding. Grants to state, local, and tribal governments that allow for local communities to invest in locks, metal detectors, cameras, and other security hardware should also be prioritized.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to working with you on this important issue.

Sincerely,



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