

March 16, 2022

Education and Labor Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the National Parent Teacher Association (National PTA), we write in support of the School Shooting and Safety Act (H.R. 5428) and encourage you to vote yes on this important legislation during today's markup session.

National PTA represents millions of families, students, teachers, administrators, and business and community leaders across all 50 states, Washington D.C., the U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and DoDEA schools in Europe. Our members are committed to making every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

As the nation's oldest and largest child advocacy association, National PTA has a rich history of advocating for the safety of children and youth. Our association is committed to federal efforts to protect all children and youth from gun violence and strongly believes that Congress must immediately enact legislation, like the School Shooting and Safety Act (H.R. 5428), that would help prevent future firearm tragedies from occurring while still preserving the lawful use of firearms for sport and personal protection.

The School Shooting Safety and Preparedness Act (H.R. 5428) would be the first federal legislation to provide parents and families with an annual, comprehensive understanding of indicators of school crime and safety, including data on school shootings, across the nation. This information would be incredibly valuable to parents and families as they seek to understand safety measures in their school and as they work with school staff and administrators to develop effective guidelines for school safety in their community. The School Shooting Safety and Preparedness Act (H.R. 5428) promises to help policymakers and community advocates better understand causes and effects of gun violence on youth and communities, identify evidence-based strategies to reduce gun violence, and target resources to the communities that need it most.

For these reasons, as such we encourage you to vote Yes on the School Shooting and Safety Act (H.R. 5428) during today's markup session. No parent should fear for the safety of their child every time they leave home. But all too often, young lives are destroyed or changed forever due to gun violence and other forms of violence in the

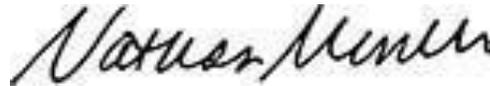
places our children should be the most safe—their school and communities. More must be done immediately to protect our nation’s most vulnerable population. That’s why PTA members advocate, year after year, for sensible gun safety and violence prevention policies that will help keep children safe and sound. It’s up to all of us—community members, parents, educators and other child well-being advocates—to work together to prevent gun violence.

Thank you for your consideration of this legislation, and please feel free to contact our Director of Government Affairs, Kate Clabaugh, at [kclabaugh@pta.org](mailto:kclabaugh@pta.org) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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