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Members of Congress and

The United States President

My name is Jacob Welch, I am urgently writing to you in hopes to get congress support in the creation of a contracted agency and or United states department, that would provide year round services nationwide to public schools and business, while addressing the increasing large almaring number of community and school shootings. As someone who has worked in a school system and someone who went through the school system. I can honestly say that there are some major concerns and areas of improvement that still need to be done.

Children, young adults and adults in general deserve to go to an educational setting, within their community and or state, where they can have full access to resources and services, without having to fear and or wonder if the day they chose to go to school is the day they will die or get seriously injured. We brag on how we, as the United States, welcome diversity, opportunity and freedom of choice in who we want to be. However I would carefully reassess this statement as, we do not protect our students in schools, if a mass shooting happens, at least we can count on the federal government and congress members to say "sorry to hear that or for your loss. You have our prayers or condolences"

What a slap in a parents and dead child's faces, the fact that certain member's and Americans are more concerned to have gun access available to the public and is a higher value than the safety of a future generation of kids and young adults is mindblowing, and unsensible. The response is not to equip our teachers with guns to shoot at the shooter if and when a shooter is in a building, the response should not be to just give our prayers and condolences, in hopes that the shooter see's the emotional and physical damage they have caused, thus deterring future shooters from act in their footsteps.

I believe we need an commensurable and strong working community relationship approach, while being time sensitive when creating a strategic plan, with the aim and long term goal of addressing the need for improving safety, opportunity and awareness, while focusing on Mental and behavioral health concerns in students and young adults across our public school, through the United States. There will be people who say mental health and behavioral health have nothing to do with a school shooter that opens fire on their classmates. However the scientific, emotional and behavioral health studies and evidence will say differently.

Mental Health and behavioral Health are like morning and night, without morning there is no night and without night there is no morning. Mental health and behavioral health are hand in hand. If young children and adults have mental health concerns that are being or not being addressed, there is still a high probable chance they are going to have behaviors that stem from their mental health issues. Some behavioral problems may come across as hitting, kicking, spitting, biting, threatening, self harm, swearing, and even physically harmful acts towards others such as strangers, family, and or people who are trying to help them through a community. State or federal agency.

In 2022, over three-quarters of college students (77%) experienced moderate to serious psychological distress. 35% of students were diagnosed with anxiety; 27% had depression. 10.6% of youth (or over 2.5 million youth) cope with severe major depression. 60.3% of youth with major depression do not receive any mental health treatment, due to the lack of services in their community. Nationally, only 27.2% of youth with severe depression receive some consistent treatment (7-25+ visits in a year). Youth experiencing MDE (Major depressive episode), continue to go untreated. Even among the states with greatest access for youth, 1 in 3 youth are still not receiving the mental health services they need.

The Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity law (MHPAE) was enacted in 2008 and promised equal coverage of mental health and substance use services. However, the rate of children with private insurance that does not cover mental or emotional problems increased 0.3 percent from last year's dataset, and there are still 950,000 youth without coverage for their behavioral health. Only .759% of students are identified as having an Emotional Disturbance (ED) for an Individualized Education Program (IEP).

For purposes of an IEP, the term Emotional Disturbance is used to define youth with a mental illness that is affecting their ability to succeed in schools. Early identification for IEPs is critical. IEPs provide the services, accommodations and support students with ED need to receive a quality education. The rate for this measure is shown as a rate per 1,000 students.

The calculation was made this way for ease of reading. Unfortunately, doing so hides the fact that the percentages are significantly lower. If states were doing a better job of identifying whether youth had emotional difficulties that could be better supported through an IEP the rates would be closer to 8% instead of .8 percent. The state rate of students identified as having an emotional disturbance for an IEP ranges from 32.23 per 1,000 students in Vermont to 2.13 per 1,000 students in Alabama.

Students that struggle with mental, behavioral, and or other forms of health-related issues that are often teased and or bullied for. Can be addressed before out of control behaviors, emotional and physical threatening safety issues occur. Failure to notice or have the necessary school and community family outreach opportunities and services available for students, family's, and business can often be the direct cause in why a student(s) and criminals may display some of these dangerous and horrific events of violence across the nation.

Children and young adults under the age of 21 who are attending High School, elementary school, and or post-elementary educational school programs across the nation, should not have and or be able to be in the reach of obtaining a gun for the safety of that child and or young adult and anyone within the surroundings of the child/young adult. Furthermore, it's a proven fact that for female and male children and young adults under the age of 25, the human brain is not fully developed.

I have created agencies, one being Ontario County Supportive Services, and the other The United Affairs Office of International Supportive Services. Both address community supportive Services, while providing partnership opportunities to community, state and federal agencies and departments. I've done this in hopes to have a collaborative response to bringing awareness, education and opportunity to address these highly increasing number of concerns, while providing services and resources that can proactively support schools, communities, families and students on a long term basis. I now represent the idea of a United States department and or agency that can address a working relationship with public schools and business to combat provoked violence and other forms of gun violence incidents.

I present the United States Department of Community Security Administration(DCSA). So what is DCSA? The Department Of Community Security Administration's (DCSA) primary focus is to increase and maintain security opportunities within the community when facing threats against a person, Education organizations, and community businesses. This department's central goal is to stabilize the increasing number of gunshot-out tragedies and violence in schools and other community-based services.

The U.S.Department Of Community Security Administration will collaborate and create growth and opportunity through partnering with state,county, local, and other security law enforcement Departments and agencies to establish prevention and intervention services while addressing the rising misuse of gun threats/violence throughout the education community.

DCSA will also work and partner with community public schools throughout the United States, while learning and addressing services that a Student(s) and or family member may need to decrease any potential safety concerns and threats that could cause harm to the school community, or the individual and or his or her family. The DCSA will provide additional funding to increase security measures and or personnel within the Public schools to create a sense of safety and protection. So, if and when an intruder or individual within or out of the building causes a potentially life-threatening event several trained safety Officers can address or destabilize the threat.

By creating this federal department or agency, I believe this department/agency can work towards rebuilding safe and secure community and educational environments nationwide, causing the number of gun violence casualties, behaviors, and mental health outbursts/concerns to be significantly lower. When using the resources that this department has to offer to schools and community business, which may have a positive increase result in the numbers of students and parents having a better experience sending their children to school and having higher grades while rebuilding and maintaining community positive relationship's.

Your support as well as Americans across the nation will speak volumes as congress and committees review this proposal while deciding if it's a need. Families across this nation are suffering because of deadly gun violence incidents that have and or are going to happen on and or out of school grounds. Gun violence is preventable. This should not be a Republican Vs Democrat political power struggle, this is simply a safety issue that needs to be addressed sooner than later before more preventable gun-provoked incidents happen. I believe this act will show good faith to the American people that their government hears them and is willing to inquire, listen and push for answers and results to better understanding, while developing ways to address safety in our community and our schools, in hopes to maintain, and protect our students and community residents.

Resources:

- <https://www.bestcolleges.com/research/college-student-mental-health-statistics/#:~:text=In%202022%2C%20over%20three%2Dquarters,anxiety%3B%2027%25%20had%20depression.>
- <https://www.mhanational.org/issues/2022/mental-health-america-youth-data>
- [Www.iss-us.org](http://www.iss-us.org)
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