

May 9, 2018

The Honorable Representative Susan Brooks
1030 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Representative Ted Deutch
2447 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Brooks & Deutch,

We are the families of the victims killed in the tragedy in Parkland, FL on February 14, 2018. We write to show our support for the Jake Laird Act of 2018 and we strongly urge your colleagues in the United States of America House of Representatives to join with you to quickly pass this legislation. We request an expeditious hearing by the House Judiciary Committee, approval by the Committee and then passage of this bill by the entire House of Representatives.

Frankly, we know much more needs to be done to prevent mass murder from ever again occurring in our schools. The safety of students, teachers and staff in our schools cannot wait. The moment to consider legislation like the Jake Laird Act is right now. We must continue to work together to keep firearms away from those that are an immediate risk to themselves or to others. These laws are working in Florida and in many other states, therefore, we support the objective of this act, which is to encourage all states to adopt “red flag” legislation.

We must be the last families to suffer the loss of a loved one due to a mass shooting at a school. We demand more action to keep our schools safe, and legislation like the Jake Laird Act is a critical piece of the puzzle.

This Time Must Be Different!

Respectfully,

Lori Alhadeff, Max Schachter, Ryan & Kelly Petty, Linda Beigel Schulman, Fred Guttenberg, Damian and Denise Loughran, Manuel and Patricia Oliver, Mitch Dworet, Jennifer and Tony Montalto, Kong Feng Wang and Peter Wang, Andrew Pollack, Tom and Geena Hoyer, Vincent and Anne Ramsay, Miguel Duque, Debbi Hixon, April Schentrup, and Melissa Feis