

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

February 23, 2018

The Honorable Paul D. Ryan  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
H-232, United States Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Ryan:

In the wake of the deadly mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, calls for Congress to revise the Nation's existing gun laws have been renewed. To this end, we write today respectfully to request immediate consideration of H.R. 4477, the "Fix NICS Act of 2017," when Congress returns for legislative business next week. This bipartisan and bicameral, common-sense legislation would incentivize states as well as federal departments and agencies to submit information and records to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) accurately and promptly.

The Fix NICS was proposed in the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate late last year following the mass shooting at the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas, where 26 people were killed and 20 others injured by a former U.S. Air Force member with a history of domestic violence. The U.S. Air Force had failed to submit the shooter's criminal history to the FBI as required.

H.R. 4477, the Fix NICS Act, would greatly improve the sharing of mental health and criminal record information between state and local agencies and the federal background check database. It has broad bipartisan support in both the House and Senate. Let us pass this legislation next week and take an important step toward making our Country safer from gun violence.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,



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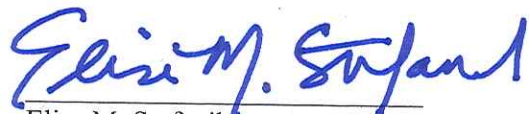
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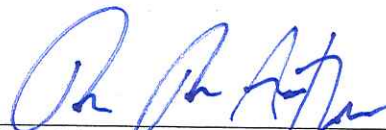
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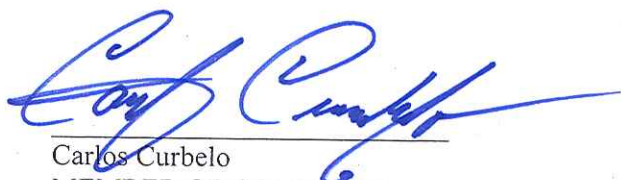
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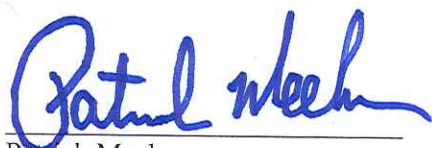
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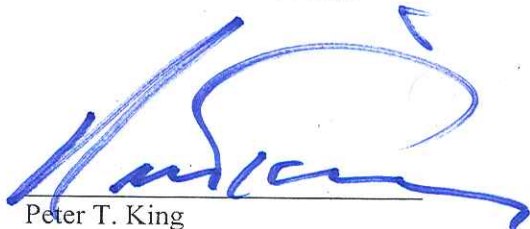
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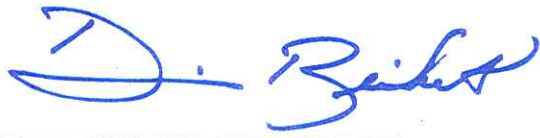
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