



June 8, 2023

Representative Mario Diaz-Balart
U.S. House of Representatives
374 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Diaz-Balart,

On behalf of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), I am writing to express our support for the EAGLES Act (H.R. 1005).

As you know, this bill would reauthorize and expand the National Threat Assessment Center (NTAC), allowing it to increase its threat assessment and training efforts, with a particular focus on school safety. NTAC has trained more than 198,000 school administrators, teachers, counselors, mental health professionals, school resource officers and other public safety partners.

Violent incidents in and around schools pose a significant threat to the safety of students, teachers, education personnel, law enforcement and other first responders. The possibility of school shootings is a critical issue for urban, rural, and suburban communities alike and preparing our officers to respond to these types of incidents has become a priority.

I would like to thank you for your continuing commitment to enhancing public safety. The IACP stands ready to assist you as we continue to work together to advance the EAGLES Act and work on issues important to policing and our communities.

Sincerely,

John W. Letteney
IACP President

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