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Our Children Need Actual Protection— The Real Solution is to Arm Teachers

Americans are mourning the innocent Texans who were murdered by a horrifically evil person at Robb Elementary in Uvalde, Texas.

We need to focus on solutions that could have directly prevented the deaths that occurred—not unrelated gun control measures that would not have saved a single life in this situation.

Anti-gun activists and politicians cannot name a single gun control law that would have prevented this shooting, according to the details we have from the most recent reports at the time of distribution.

Arming Teachers

We must discuss real solutions to preventing this type of evil from striking again by arming willing teachers—which is a solution supported by 81% of police.¹

Absolutely nothing should come between a teacher who wants to defend children and their right to carry a firearm.

No school that has armed teachers or staff has ever experienced a mass shooting.² **If our elected officials are important enough to receive armed protection, so too should our children!**

Repealing the Gun-Free School Zones Act

We must also repeal the unconstitutional *Gun-Free School Zones Act* which leaves our children vulnerable to criminals and our parents unarmed to defend them.³

The *Gun-Free School Zones Act* is a blanket ban on firearms on school property⁴ with the sole exception of self-defense minded Americans with the permission of their state and local governments.⁵ Even in the 1990s, it was not outrageous that Americans would carry firearms on school grounds for self-defense.

But the red-tape enacted in the *Gun-Free School Zones Act of 1990* is outdated three decades later when half of the country—twenty-five states—have enacted Constitutional Carry or permitless carry laws.⁶

For this reason, Gun Owners of America endorses Rep. Thomas Massie's H.R. 7417, the *Safe Students Act*.⁷ This bill would eliminate federal restrictions unnecessarily placed between a teacher or parent and their right to defend our children.

Armed Guards and Other Hardening Alternatives

While society may see fit to place police or armed guards in schools, this is not a one-or-the-other type choice. Teachers and parents must be allowed to carry firearms, according to common sense and our Constitution. On the other hand, schools may choose to harden themselves in other ways.

But remember, no matter how hard of a target we make our schools, securities and defenses may be penetrated. Banks get robbed. Security guards can be targeted, as was the case in Buffalo, New York.⁸

Ultimately, the most important thing we can do as a nation is to allow school faculty and parents to exercise their constitutionally protected right to defend their lives and the lives of our children.



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