

August 9, 2019

The Honorable Mike Enzi
U.S. Senator
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Dear Mike,

I am writing to ask for your recommendations on bipartisan proposals within the HELP committee's jurisdiction that could help prevent future mass shootings like the recent tragedies in California, Texas, and Ohio. Majority Leader McConnell has asked me and other committee chairmen to seek bipartisan solutions within our individual jurisdictions that can pass the Senate, the House, and be signed into law by the President.

Our Committee has jurisdiction over mental health, public health, elementary and secondary education, and higher education, among other issues that might be relevant. I have asked my committee staff to evaluate existing mental health and school safety programs, including current appropriated funding levels for these programs, and to examine bills that have been introduced within the Committee's jurisdiction so we may begin to look for bipartisan proposals to provide possible solutions to this crisis. For example, Chairman Ron Johnson called me yesterday to tell me the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee recently held a hearing at which a number of specific school safety recommendations were made.

Our committee has done good work on these issues before. Most recently Senators Cassidy and Murphy worked together to lead the effort to update mental health laws for the first time in over a decade as part of our 21st Century Cures Act. I am hopeful that we can work together in the same way on these issues.

Please ask your staff to send your suggestions to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] by Friday, August 23.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lamar Alexander
Chairman