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The Honorable Virginia Foxx
 Chairwoman
 Committee on Education and the Workforce
 2176 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Chairwoman Foxx:

I write to invite you and the Committee Majority to attend a Forum for Members of Congress entitled, **“Preventing School Shootings: A Comprehensive Approach”** on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 2:00 pm in HVC 215. The goal of this forum is to elevate the importance of evidence-based, preventative practices in which schools can and must engage as part of a comprehensive approach to reduce the likelihood of a school shooting.

The tragic school shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, has heightened national attention to the issue. As you know, Committee Democrats wrote to you on February 16, 2018 to request a hearing to examine evidence-based efforts to prevent school shootings. While I am encouraged by our joint letter urging the Committee on Appropriations to fund violence prevention programming authorized by Title IV-A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act at \$1.6 billion for Fiscal Year 2018, I remain disappointed by the lack of response to our request for a hearing. Just this past Sunday, the Trump Administration announced plans for a Federal Commission on School Safety, chaired by Secretary DeVos, to review and recommend changes to federal statute and regulations affecting school climate and student data privacy, both issues under the jurisdiction of the Committee. I have invited Secretary DeVos to provide remarks on the Administration’s school safety proposals.

Given our Committee’s jurisdiction on school safety and school-based violence prevention, we must work together to address this public crisis. I reiterate my invitation for you to attend the forum, and welcome your opening remarks and engagement with our panel of witnesses on this important issue.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

ROBERT C. “BOBBY” SCOTT
 Ranking Member