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American Academy of Nursing and 96 Organizations Deliver Letter to Congress Calling for Bipartisan National Commission on Mass Shootings

Washington, D.C. (February 27, 2018) — The American Academy of Nursing [delivered a letter](#) to Congressional leadership today urging them to launch a bipartisan National Commission on Mass Shootings. The letter has been cosigned by more than 90 organizations, including the American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare, the ABIM Foundation, the National Association of School Nurses, American Nurses Association, Massachusetts General Hospital, the American Psychiatric Nurses Association, and The Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

On February 16, following the tragic school shooting in Parkland, Florida, the Academy released a statement recommending that Congress launch this Commission within 30 days, and specifying that it should be charged with identifying strategies that address seven specific challenges.

Academy President Karen Cox, PhD, RN, FAAN, Executive Vice President/COO, Children's Mercy Kansas City said, "The 96 organizations that have cosigned our letter share a commitment to keep children, parents, families, teachers, responders, and administrators safe. Enough is enough. We need common sense gun laws, and we need Congress to step up and lead."

"The Academy's charge to establish a bipartisan National Commission on Mass Shootings is to develop comprehensive strategies that improve and strengthen policy concerning background checks, gun purchase restrictions, a ban on assault weapons, and health care professionals' ability to fully fulfill their role in preventing firearm injuries," urged Academy President-Elect Eileen Sullivan-Marx, PhD, RN, FAAN, Dean, NYU Rory Meyers College of Nursing.

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