



NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

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The Honorable Patrick J. Toomey
United States Senate
248 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Joe Manchin III
United States Senate
306 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Toomey and Senator Manchin:

On behalf of the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) and the more than 3,000 elected sheriffs nationwide, I write to you today in support of legislation you intend to introduce, the *Protecting Students from Sexual and Violent Predators Act (S. 474)*. This bill addresses a current threat to student safety.

As you know, there is currently a threat to student safety in the nation's schools. In 2014, over 400 school employees were arrested across America for sexual misconduct with children; many of these employees may have had a history of sexual and physical violence. Your bill would remove this threat to the safety of our nation's children. Furthermore, your bill would prevent schools from helping known child molesters from obtaining new teaching jobs. By sponsoring this bill, you are acknowledging this great threat to student safety.

In closing, I thank you both for your tireless work on behalf of the nation's students. I look forward to working with you to pass the *Protecting Students from Sexual and Violent Predators Act (S. 474)* and working with you on many other important issues in the 114th Congress. If I can be any assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan F. Thompson".

Jonathan F. Thompson