

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Linda McMahon
Secretary of Education
United States Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20002

Secretary McMahon,

We write to insist that you immediately reverse your decision to discontinue roughly \$1 billion dollars in mental health grants intended to prevent the disturbing occurrence of school shootings in the United States¹.

As you know, the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (BSCA) was signed into law following the murder of nineteen students and two teachers at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas on May 24th, 2022. It passed the U.S. House of Representatives 234-193 and the U.S Senate in a vote of 65-33, showing strong support for the bill from both parties.

Authorized by BSCA, the [School-Based Mental Health Services Grant Program](#) and the [Mental Health Service Professional Demonstration Grant Program](#) support hundreds of school districts in 49 states, providing funds to train thousands of mental health professionals to work in K-12 schools across the country. These programs and funds are critical to preventing future acts of violence on school grounds and helping to identify and support students who may be at-risk or in crisis.

It is unacceptable for these grants to be discontinued for arbitrary political reasons while gun violence continues to be the leading cause of death for children and teenagers in the United States.² Students, teachers, and families across the country deserve better.

We demand that these grants be immediately reinstated and that you commit to implementing the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act as Congress intended.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your response.

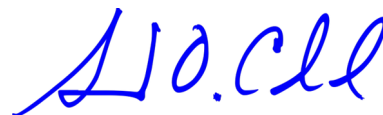
Sincerely,



Lucy McBath
Member of Congress



Terri A. Sewell
Member of Congress



Salud Carbajal
Member of Congress

¹ [Trump administration cuts \\$1 billion in school mental health grants | AP News](#)

² <https://www.cdc.gov/firearm-violence/data-research/facts-stats/index.html>