Florida Association of School Resource Officers

"Protecting our most precious resource, our children."

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Senator Scott,

The Florida Association of School Resource Officers, FASRO, has been a huge proponent of school-based policing since we were founded in 1979. Our membership has grown through the decades, mostly because of tragedy. We know the positive impact our SROs have on the student population as well as the faculty and staff. We believe fostering positive relationships with students, especially at a young age, will have a lasting impression on our youth as they grow. FASRO has always supported having SROs on every campus and having the right SRO with the right school.

As the Executive Director of the organization, I know that I can speak for the FASRO board and its more than one thousand members, that your *School Guardian Act* has our <u>undying support</u>. FASRO is the largest state-based SRO organization in the nation. Our reach goes far beyond our borders. We are so pleased that the legislation being presented, supporting FASRO's goal of over forty years, has financial support within to ensure its success. Kudos to you for taking the lead and taking this to Washington DC!

Thank you for taking school safety seriously and supporting law enforcement.

Respectfully

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