



March 2, 2018

The Honorable Rick Scott
Plaza Level 05, The Capitol
400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Governor Scott,

The recent heartbreaking tragedy in our neighboring school in Parkland is cause for great concern. Our students, teachers, and school personnel should never have to fear a shooter in their classroom. The Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce appreciates that you traveled to Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, met with families, and created the "Major Action Plan to Keep Florida Students Safe."

In the closing days of the 2018 Legislative Session, our business leaders ask you to support comprehensive, meaningful reform to protect our families in the following ways:

1. School Safety
 - a. Increase funding to hire more School Resource Officers (SROs).
 - b. Provide active shooter training resources for students and school employees.
 - c. Increase Safe Schools categorical funding to improve each district's security.
2. Mental Health
 - a. Increase school mental health funding.
 - b. Temporarily restrict firearm possession by those experiencing a mental health crisis who are a danger to themselves or others until that individual no longer poses a threat.
3. Firearm Safety
 - a. Set and balance the minimum age for firearm purchases at 21 years of age, except for law enforcement, active military, and reserve military personnel.
 - b. Provide a waiting period for firearm purchases to perform criminal and mental health background checks.
 - c. Bump stocks should not be allowed.

The Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce encourages you to act by putting our students and families first. We thank you for providing leadership in common-sense school safety, mental health, and firearm safety measures.

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Alfred Sanchez
President and CEO
Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce

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