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Dear Utah lawmakers,

On May 23, 2022, Moab's elementary school—where some of us have taught and others have children in attendance—and City police notified parents of a threat of violence made by a sixth grader. On May 24, 2022, 19 elementary school children and 2 teachers were shot and killed in Uvalde, Texas. Our community is lucky. Our children returned from school alive.

Thoughts and prayers do not translate into action, change or comfort. As a representative of the people, parents and students of Utah, we urge you to take legislative action to protect our children, our teachers and our communities. The following are actions are swiftly needed:

- extreme risk laws
- firearm secure storage laws
- increase the age to purchase semi-automatics to 21
- background checks on all gun sales
- make funding available for schools to establish threat assessment programs
- make funding available for schools to install internal door locks and support personnel for access controls
- make funding available for mental health professionals and social workers in schools

These legislative actions will ensure “a well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State,” without infringing on “the right of the people to keep and bear Arms” while also serving to protect the safety of our children.

These laws and funds won’t just decrease the rare event of a school shooting, they will reduce the likelihood of gun-suicide, which is also exceptionally high for children and teens in Utah. Let’s be a state where people feel their children are safe, protected and prioritized.

With respect,

Grand County Commission
Grand County, Utah