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UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20510

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Dear Friends,

In recent weeks, we have seen young people across our country raise their voices and take the lead in one of the most pressing movements of our time, speaking truth to power with amazing courage and strength. I write to thank you for participating in this vital dialogue in your community. On multiple occasions, I have been privileged to meet with high school students from across New Jersey, whose advocacy has continued to inspire me.

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of my legislative efforts on your behalf in the United States Senate to better protect our students, schools, and communities:

- Following a shooting that happened on my block in Newark, just weeks after the horrific Shooting in Parkland, Florida, I urged my Senate colleagues to push for action on gun violence during the Senate Judiciary Committee's hearing on reducing gun violence;
- I wrote to the Department of Education urging the department focus more on tangible ways to prevent gun violence in schools, and signed onto a letter requesting robust funding for the Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grant to help improve school safety and be used for training school personnel in violence prevention strategies;
- I cosponsored several bills to strengthen our background check regimes including the Background Check Completion Act, the Background Check Expansion Act, the Assault Weapons Ban, and the Fix NICS Act that was included in the omnibus that will strengthen the National Instant Criminal Background Check System;
- I have also focused on ensuring victims of domestic violence are safe from abusers and stalkers including the Lori Jackson Domestic Violence Survivor Protect Act, and the Protecting Domestic Violence and Stalking Victims Act;
- Lastly, I am an original cosponsor of the Automatic Gunfire Prevention Act to ban bump stocks and other similar devices.

Your commitment to this critical issue inspires my own service, and I am confident that your voices will help drive meaningful change. I thank you for your engagement and your advocacy. I look forward to working with your communities to make sure that your voices are heard in Washington.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. A. B.', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the left.

Cory A. Booker
United States Senator