



International Association of Campus
Law Enforcement Administrators

The Leading Authority for Campus Public Safety

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The Honorable Drew Ferguson
Congressman
U.S. House of Representatives
1032 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 2051

Dear Congressman Ferguson,

The International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA) strongly supports the swift and clean passage of H.R. 3539, the Behavioral Intervention Guidelines (BIG) Act of 2019. H.R. 3539 amends the Public Health Service Act by requiring the development of best practices for the establishing and using behavioral intervention teams at schools and institutions of higher education.

IACLEA, the leading authority for campus public safety, is the largest professional association devoted to excellence in campus public safety and law enforcement. Our members are police chiefs, public safety directors, law enforcement officers, and security personnel at higher education institutions across the globe. The priority concern of IACLEA members is the health and safety of higher education institutions and the people within their communities. The passage of H.R. 3539 directly supports IACLEA's mission by providing law enforcement administrators and emergency management teams with access to evidence-based threat assessment training curricula and providers who will implement a caring and preventative approach to threat assessment and best practices of behavioral interventions.

H.R. 3539 is valuable because it will train campus law enforcement administrators to more readily identify the earliest signs of potential crisis and take action to mitigate the damage.

This support is needed now more than ever as we ensure that our campus communities remain a safe and secure environment to live, work, play, and learn. For these reasons, IACLEA strongly supports H.R. 3539. To do less inadvertently assigns lesser value to the lives and safety of the students at elementary, secondary schools, and institutions of higher education.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or IACLEA Executive Director John Bernhards at jbernhards@iaclea.org or (202) 618-8280.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Vinson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John Vinson, Ph.D.
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