



## **Leading Psychoanalytic Association Worked With Congress to Create Bipartisan Legislation Aimed At Reducing Violence**

**New York, NY – March 28, 2019** - The American Psychoanalytic Association (APsa) worked with U.S. Representatives Brian Babin and Val Demings and Senators Kyrsten Sinema, Marco Rubio, and Thom Tillis to create bi-partisan legislation aimed at reducing violence.

**The Threat Assessment, Prevention, and Safety (TAPS) Act of 2019 (H.R.838/S.265)** would call for the creation of a multidisciplinary national task force of experts to develop guidelines for behavior-based threat assessment and management. By evaluating risk and intervening early, the legislation will reduce acts of community violence. The law is also designed to help support communities impacted by violence. The bill currently has 18 democrats and 18 republican co-sponsors.

“APsaA has been committed to working with our national leaders to address community violence and address the trauma caused by mass shootings,” said Lee Jaffe, president of APsaA. “This is an excellent step toward addressing our shared concerns and we are grateful to Congressman Babin for requesting and accepting our expertise.”

The TAPS Act is currently endorsed by 21 other national leading mental health organizations. Please read this [letter](#) of support.

The American Psychoanalytic Association is a professional organization of psychoanalysts with approximately 3,300 members. The Association is comprised of psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, educators, researchers and students who have an interest in psychoanalysis and psychoanalytic therapy. Visit [www.apsa.org](http://www.apsa.org) for more information.

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