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Cc: Sen. Hwang, Tony
Subject: SB 1108

Dear Legislators,

I am writing in favor of SB 1108 because my children's school, St Rose of Lima, has received several threats this year. These threats are frightening to experience and they are extremely harmful to the mental well-being of our children. I am thankful that none of those threats came to fruition but they have a long lasting effect nonetheless.

In November, we received a direct threat which resulted in a full lock-down. My children spent twenty terrorizing minutes in a dark closet or crouched in a corner of a classroom, listening to and/or watching fellow students crying and wondering aloud if they were going to die. Two of my children came home in a heightened state of anxiety and eventually needed professional help to get over their intense fears. It has been several months now and some of their hyper-vigilance is beginning to fade - they will finally go to sleep in their own rooms without asking questions about bad guys with guns or questioning the safety of their school and their home.

I urge you to pass this bill and go further so other children will not experience the terror of being locked in a closet fearing for their lives. The public needs to know that this act is a felony and the potential ramifications if someone decides to threaten a school in order to deter these types of actions.

Thank you,

Dan and Michelle McAloon