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**PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE  
PUBLIC HEARING  
MARCH 12, 2019**

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 7291:  
AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL SECURITY**

Dear Co-Chairs Senator Bradley and Representative Verrengia; Ranking Members Senator Osten and Representative Paolillo; and distinguished members of the Public Safety and Security Committee.


As leaders of the School Security Working Group, we are appreciative and want to thank the Committee for holding a public hearing on HB 7291. The next step is moving it forward.

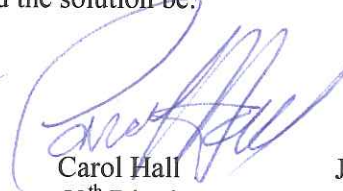
The School Security Working Group is a collection of concerned legislators from both sides of the aisle with a single goal. We are united in increasing protections in our schools. Innocent school children and dedicated educators deserve to feel safe and not worry about threats. We spent months hearing from experts, parents, and concerned individuals about opportunities to make improvements.

Complacency is dangerous and these concepts are intended to strengthen the safeguards we already have in place. Threats to our schools come in many forms and while we can should take every opportunity to identify opportunities to reduce them. More frequent school security plan updates, streamlining reporting requirements while highlighting critical components, vetting school security consultants, and creating a simpler process to access school security grants are simple steps that will immediate implications across the state.

School security isn't a partisan issue and nor should the solution be.

  
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