

WSPTA Testimony on HB 1216
2/25/19 O'Brien Building – Hearing Room A – 1:30pm
House Appropriations Committee

Good afternoon, Chair Ormsby and members of the committee. My name is Corina Pfeil, and I am here today representing the Washington State PTA, the state's oldest and largest child advocacy association with more than 133,000 members statewide. I am also a proud parent and volunteer.

I am here today to testify in support of Substitute House Bill 1216.

Last fall, Washington State PTA adopted a position in support of legislation that improves safe schools and emergency planning preparedness through:

- Development of clear and specific guidelines and standards for safe school plans; and the
- Funding to ensure every school can develop and implement a safe schools plan;

Our students and staff deserve to feel safe in their schools. Parents want to send their students to schools where the focus is on learning, not on fear.

This comprehensive approach to improving school safety is a critical bill this session – one that engages the state, local districts, law enforcement, parents and communities.

We urge you to adopt this critical legislation. Thank you.