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Dear Friends:

Maryland is blessed to have some of the most outstanding law enforcement officers, emergency medical service providers, firefighters, and rescue personnel in the entire country. Each and every day their elite training is on full display as they work to safeguard their most fundamental commitment: ensuring the safety of Maryland citizens.

Our nation has seen first-hand that mass violence can strike anywhere at any time. In October 2013, the Maryland State Police and Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems convened the Maryland Active Assailant Interdisciplinary Workgroup. In 2014, this workgroup developed practical, experienced-based advice and guidance for the counties and cities of Maryland in the event of an active assailant event. Leveraging federal, state, and local partners, the workgroup has launched a comprehensive website with a variety of tools and resources for all Marylanders.

Following the deadly 2018 shooting at Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, I signed an executive order to reconvene the Active Assailant Interdisciplinary Workgroup with a renewed mission and expanded membership. I directed the Maryland Emergency Management Agency to use a “whole community” approach to address this evolving threat in order to create a safer environment for all Marylanders.

Marylanders owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to the individuals who contributed to the Maryland Active Assailant Incident Guidance. This is another example of how we can work collectively to change Maryland for the better.

Sincerely,

Larry Hogan
Governor