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Statement on mass shooting at school in Uvalde, Texas

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It is hard to put into words our thoughts and feelings about the tragedy that happened yesterday at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas. 19 children and two teachers lost their lives at the hands of a gunman who entered the school and opened fire. These are children whose lives were cut short while they were supposed to be safe and secure at school.

We cannot imagine the amount of grief, trauma and sadness the parents of these children and the community of Uvalde are going through right now, but collectively we send our thoughts, prayers and well wishes to everyone impacted.

If ever there was a time to act on the topic of gun reform, it is now. Every parent deserves to see their child come home from school at the end of the day, and no child should feel as if their school is not a place of safety and trust.

The sad truth is that mass shootings have become far too commonplace in our country, and we must not allow ourselves to consider them inevitable. While the Second Amendment supports the right to bear arms, we must also acknowledge that the context of 1787 is vastly different than that of today. There are ways in which legislators at the State and Federal levels can enact policies that would make our communities safer for those who own guns and those who do not without completely stripping away the Second Amendment.

As a society we must come together and say enough is enough and push for the change we want to see to prevent unnecessary loss of life. Our children and families deserve as much.