

**Virginia Tech Victims
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February 5, 2008

The Honorable George Miller
Chairman
Committee on Education and Labor
U.S. House of Representatives
2181 Rayburn House Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Howard McKeon
Ranking Member
Committee on Education and Labor
U.S. House of Representatives
2101 Rayburn House Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Miller and Ranking Member McKeon:

We write to you to give voices to our children who were senselessly slaughtered or wounded on April 16, 2007 at Virginia Tech. For our families life will never be the same but if any good can come from our losses it will be that we all better protect our nation's young people.

The emergency response and notification provisions that you have included in H.R. 4137, the College Opportunity and Affordability Act of 2007, will serve as a living memorial to our children. We applaud the leadership that each of you and Congresswoman Carolyn McCarthy have demonstrated in bringing this about.

We also ask you to jointly stand in strong opposition to any efforts to weaken these provisions. A mandate that warnings be sent "in not more than 30" minutes is essential. Keeping this 30 minutes or less deadline will make sure there are no needless delays like there was at Virginia Tech when it took two hours to get a woefully inadequate warning out. More facts can be released as new information becomes available but everyone deserves to know of a grave danger immediately.

The American people make a significant investment in higher education but it will be meaningless if we can't provide a safe learning environment and protect our students. Making sure students are warned within 30 minutes, not hours later when a bureaucratic school official

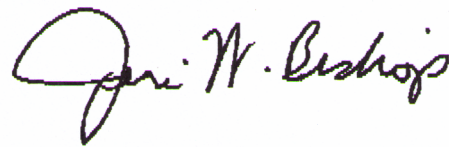
decides it is time, is a very simple thing to ask in return for this massive investment in our nation's colleges.

Thank you for your continued leadership to keep our nation's college and university campuses as safe as possible. It is time there is truly accountability at colleges for what they do to protect our most precious resource – our students and future leaders. Your loved ones could be the ones spared.

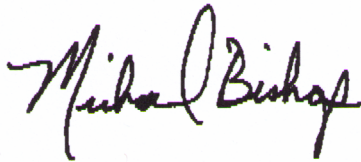
Sincerely,



Lynnette Alameddine
Mother of Ross Alameddine



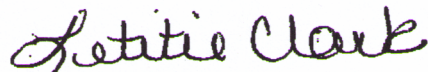
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Mother of Jamie Bishop



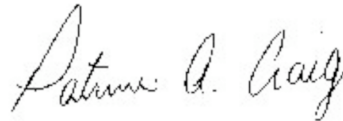
Michael Bishop
Father of Jamie Bishop



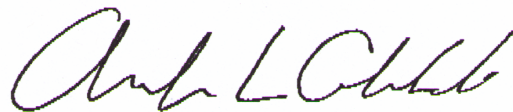
Dennis & Beverly Bluhm
Parents of Brian Bluhm



Letitie Clark
Mother of Ryan Christopher Clark



Patricia A. Craig
Aunt of Ryan Christopher Clark



Andrew L. Goddard
Father Colin L. Goddard



Anne L. Goddard
Mother of Colin L. Goddard



John Grimes
Step-Father of Kevin Sterne



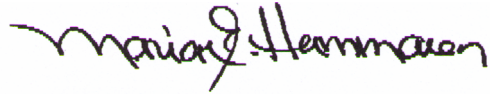
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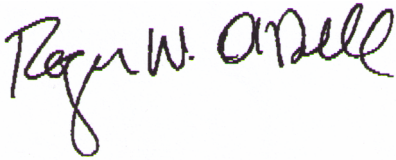
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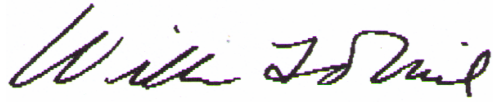
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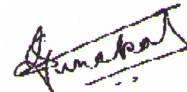
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Father of Reema Samaha



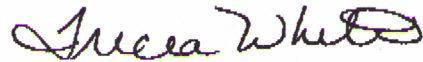
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Mother of Reema Samaha



Girish Suratkal
Brother of Minal Panchal



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Father of Nicole White



Tricia White
Mother of Nicole White