

# An Important Update On Crime and Security Issues

*from*

Congresswoman **Linda Sánchez**



Since arriving in Congress, I've teamed up with police, firefighters, and teachers to help ensure they have the tools and the support they need to protect our communities and our children. But we need your help. Always stay alert, and report any suspicious activity to the proper authorities. Please feel free to contact me at 562-429-8499 to learn more about legislative issues.

*Linda J. Sánchez*





### **Supporting Our Police Officers**

We can fight crime in the 39th District by protecting the men and women that protect us. That's why I sponsored the "Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 2003" (H.R. 1708), which would provide matching funds for local governments to purchase bulletproof vests for our law enforcement officers.

*Linda visited police and fire stations in our communities to learn about safety issues. Here she examines a bulletproof vest at a local department.*

### **Improving Homeland Security in Our Neighborhoods**

Now more than ever, we need to make sure that all of our police, fire, and emergency personnel have the resources and equipment they need to protect our families and communities. That's why I'm sponsoring "The Homeland Security Block Grant Act of 2003" (H.R. 1007), which would supply \$3.5 billion of assistance to local first responders.

### **Keeping Drugs Out of Our Schools**

Our children's schools should be safe and drug free. That's why I support the "Office of National Drug Control Policy Act of 2003," (H.R. 2086). The bill would provide \$1.2 billion over the next five years to help clean up schools plagued by drug trafficking and \$1 billion through 2008 for a youth anti-drug media campaign.

### **Quickly Finding Missing Children**

To protect California's children, I sponsored legislation to create the National AMBER Alert Program (H.R. 412). AMBER Alert is a national communications network that assists in finding children within the critical first 24 hours of their abduction.

### **Protecting Our Kids at School**

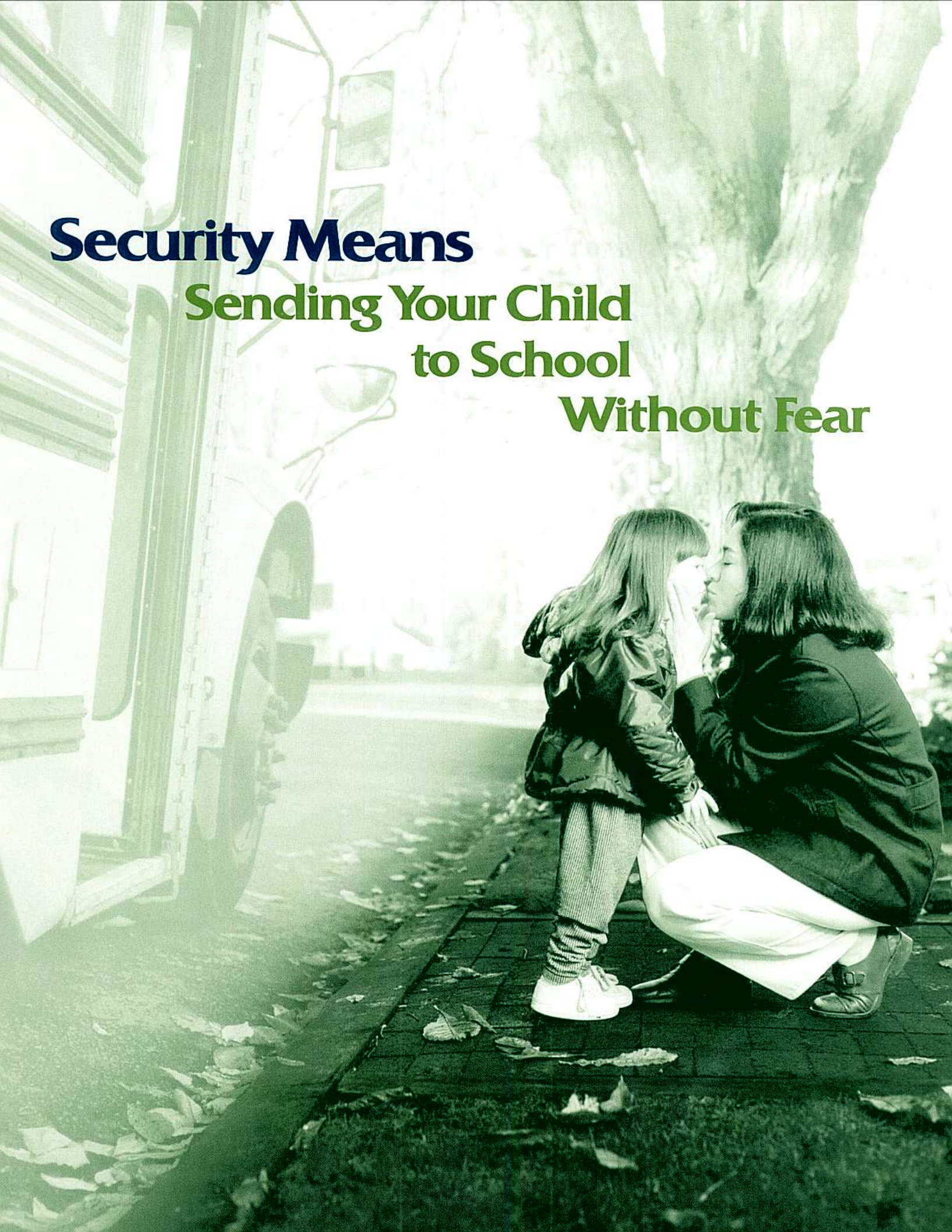
For too long, bullying has been an overlooked problem. The Kaiser Family Foundation reports that 55% of children aged 8 to 11 and 68% of children aged 12 to 15 view bullying and teasing as a big problem at school.

Bullying takes away students' ability to learn, feel safe, and develop strong self-esteem. That's why I wrote the "School Safety and Violence Protection Act" to help solve this problem. The bill would provide grants to states that implement comprehensive anti-bullying programs, and would create a statewide hotline for anonymous reporting by students and staff with information on bullying.

**Security Means**

**Sending Your Child  
to School**

**Without Fear**



Linda gets an update on computer and technology systems that help officers spend more time on the streets.



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