

First Ladies of the Round Table  
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**P.A.S.S. 4L.I.F.E. PROPOSED BILL**

Dear \_\_\_\_\_ :  
(YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE)

I can recall several years ago the shocking and unforgettable *Columbine High School* massacre that occurred on *Tuesday, April 20, 1999*, in the state of Colorado. It is said to be the fourth-deadliest school massacre in the United States history.

Two teenage students, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, embarked on a horrific journey that left 12 students and 1 teacher dead and over 3 dozen students injured. I am certain that the citizens of Jefferson County would never have anticipated that a teenager, in this case, two, could commit such a horrible crime.

The evil that is masquerading, manipulating, and seizing the hearts and minds of our youth has held its tight grip far too long. We are living in a day where teenage suicide is increasingly rising, and we are losing our youth at an alarming velocity.

The carrying of deadly weapons into our schools by students and the rapid increase of crime within our classroom walls all over the United State is what propelled me to found the cause **P.A.S.S 4L.I.F.E.**, which stands for ***Protecting All Students & Staff For Living In Full Effect.***

**P.A.S.S. 4L.I.F.E's** mission is to help schools increase their public safety awareness by implementing resources, tools, and training and education that will enhance and provide a safer and more secure environment that will keep both students and staff safe.

Because of the increasing dangers that exist today, it would behoove our school district to not only discern the dangerous times we are living in but take a **PROACTIVE** position to provide safer means of protection for students and staff life during campus hours. I am more than certain that if *Columbine High School* had an aggressive security system in place, the massacre of April 20, 1999, could have been with great probability prevented and the lives of many would have been spared.

For a moment, let us suppose that a student who brought a gun to school in times past decided to do bodily harm to another student, staff member, himself or all the above? Does our local school district contain a risk management and training program that include a *Columbine Massacre* plan? What do you think *Columbine High School* would do different or change today if they knew the results of that devastating day? What is our school, its governing board, our community, and its leadership prepared to do differently or change if they knew something like this or similar was coming their way?

While these are difficult and hypothetical questions, the ramifications of the reality are far worse. *"But we're just a small town. Nothing like this ever happens here"*, some may say. This slumbering mindset must be refuted and awakened. The bloody reality of these horrific cases continues to cry out in our hallways and in our classrooms every time a student brings a gun or a weapon to school. **Remember Columbine; for this was their harsh reality.**

**P.A.S.S. 4L.I.F.E** judiciously implores our legislative to not wait until something tragically or fatal happens anymore. The fact that students have brought weapons to school recently and in times past is a distinct and clear indication that the security measures of our school's safety continue to remain breached and compromised, therefore, putting the lives of both students and staff at risk every day.

**P.A.S.S. 4L.I.F.E** requests our legislative to reconsider how states structure its funding programs for public schools and moves to appropriate action for its priority, security, and safety.

**P.A.S.S. 4L.I.F.E** proposes that each school district move to take immediate and necessary actions to pursue and ensure the protection of student and staff life by providing the following:

1. *Metal detectors installed at each entrance*
2. *The hire for at least one on duty security officer during school hours and events*
3. *Hall phones*
4. *Security cameras stationed at every entrance and exit level and around campus*
5. *Install bulletproof windows on every classroom door*
6. *Install bulletproof windows on outside ground level classroom windows*
7. *Install automatic lock-down security doors for each classroom*
8. *Training scenario activities and drills to enhance the effectiveness of first responders to active shooting attacks, as well as prepare and educate students in the event a real-life situation occurs*

I am hopeful and pray that **P.A.S.S. 4L.I.F.E.** will plant a seed in your hearts and minds and that it will awaken and give birth to the need for a broader spectrum of student and faculty safety and protection within our school's system. My signature below indicates that I agree and support *First Ladies of the Round Table's* proposed Bill **P.A.S.S. 4L.I.F.E.**

Sincerely,  
**Narda Goodson**  
*Founder First Ladies of the Round Table*

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**First Name (Please Print) Last Name (Please Print)**

2) \_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature Date**

3) \_\_\_\_\_  
**Name of Your Child's School (if applicable) City/State/Zip Code**

4) \_\_\_\_\_  
**Your District/County City State Zip Code**