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Alyssa's Law (HB3101) is monumental in taking steps to make schools feel safe again. As a mother of 2 younger children, one 1st grader and one getting ready for kindergarten, I worry constantly. Sending my kids to school shouldn't make me nervous or lose sleep. School is so crucial for development and each child deserves to go into a safe, encouraging space. I want to know their safety is the top priority and this law will help make sure they get help when it is necessary and not a minute later. I watch so many parents and families crying, devastated about help coming minutes too late and the news of their children being killed and I feel angry and sad and frustrated. We need to do better, we need to use every tool we can to make sure school is safe. School should be for learning, not for wondering about what are we supposed to do in dark situations and not wondering if kids will make it home each day. Alyssa's Law is the tool we need to implement now and build on to provide safe schools, not only for our kids but for our community members serving in those schools. It isn't just a parent issue, this is a person issue. Teachers, custodians, nutritional service workers, everyone is touched by the people in these buildings, give them the tools to be safe. Say yes to help when it is needed, say yes to protecting our kids and staff, say yes to showing that we care and we are ready to take action. Get this moving so we can start using this very important tool.