

October 22nd, 2018

Brian Kemp
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Dear Mr. Kemp,

We, the youth of Georgia, are outraged. It has been almost seven months since over [70,000](#) young people and our supporters gathered near the Capitol to take a stand against gun violence and to demand safety in our schools. We hoped you would hear our cries then, but you did not. Today, you are campaigning with Marco Rubio, a career politician who has taken over \$3 million from the NRA. You, like Rubio, have shown a corrupt allegiance to the gun lobby, trading the safety of your constituents for political favors. You were [endorsed](#) by the NRA, a special interest group that consistently [promotes](#) dangerous policies that put the lives of Georgians at risk. In fact, just this week, the NRA dumped millions of dollars into television ads to help your campaign. You continue to show your willingness to make backroom deals with the gun lobby while ignoring the pleas of those who are directly affected by these policies. You also continue to show a complete lack of empathy for those impacted by gun violence. On the one year [anniversary](#) of the largest mass shooting in modern U.S. history, you held a campaign [rally](#) at a gun range. To call this insensitive is an understatement.



Recently, you [unveiled](#) your proposal for “school safety.” While this proposal outlines multiple policies that you plan to implement if elected Governor, it had one glaring omission: gun safety legislation. At the press conference announcing this proposal, you stated that school safety “[has nothing to do](#)” with guns. This statement is untrue and unacceptable. Mr. Kemp, when kids being shot in classrooms has become a regular occurrence as it has in this country, guns have EVERYTHING to do with school safety. If you listened to us, you would know this. We walked out, we marched, we lobbied, and now we are writing you to demand that for once you truly put our safety first.

Sincerely,

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