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**Statement of Lt. Governor Molly Gray on the Shooting at Robb Elementary School
in Uvalde, Texas**

Montpelier, Vt. — This evening, Lt. Governor Molly Gray released the following statement on the shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas:

“Once again, I am heartbroken by a senseless act of gun violence. Nineteen people - eighteen children and a teacher - have been murdered while at school in Uvalde, Texas.

It calls to mind the Sandy Hook shooting. Nearly ten years have passed since that tragedy.

In those ten years, Vermont has taken steps to reform our gun laws -- we've raised the gun purchase age to 21, expanded background checks, limited the capacity of magazines, and banned guns from hospitals. Still, much more must be done to prevent senseless acts of violence like today's shooting.

At the national level, America has failed to act. Stronger laws must be enacted across the nation in order to provide our schools, grocery stores, concerts, businesses, and places of worship the greatest possible protection from gun violence.

As the step-mother to two school-aged children, I cannot fathom what the families of the victims are going through tonight. My deepest condolences are with the Uvalde community.”

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