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Douglas J. Boyle  
Director – Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission  
Indiana Department of Homeland Security  
Indiana Government Center – South, Room E208  
302 W. Washington Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Re: School Safety and Security

Dear Mr. Boyle,

DHI is an association proudly serving door security and safety professionals, and the dynamic companies they represent, in the non-residential construction industry. We provide members the technical knowledge and skills needed to balance life safety and security for building occupants. Our members' expertise includes knowing what products are tested and proven to be reliable and code-compliant, and how to properly apply and install these products, which not only reduces risk but also helps all stakeholders and occupants avoid unintended consequences.

DHI and our foundation, Door Security & Safety Foundation, appreciate the opportunity to speak before the Commission and share our concerns for the potential risk that the recent variance creates by allowing door barricade devices in schools. We hope to begin a dialogue and become a resource to the Commission moving forward, providing awareness and information important to life safety and security for Indiana schools.

The following resources are supplemental to our presentation to assist you in future deliberations.

- Letter from Michele Gay, Executive Director, Safe and Sound Schools (DHI Page 2)
- [Indicators of School Crime and Safety: 2019](#) -National Center for Education Statistics- Institute of Education Sciences (NCES Page 140)(DHI Page 3)
- [Final Report of the Sandy Hook Advisory Commission, March 6, 2015](#) (SHAC Page 32 )(DHI Page 4)
- [Classroom Door Security & Locking Hardware](#) - National Association of State Fire Marshals (DHI Page 5)
- [Priority One: Keeping Students Safe](#) - Builders Hardware Manufacturers Association (DHI Page 11)
- [Classroom Barricade Devices Whitepaper](#) - Partner Alliance for Safer Schools (DHI Page 13)



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- [Decoded Classroom Security Considerations](#) - Lori Greene, DAHC/CDC, FDAI, FDHI, CCPR (Door Security and Safety Magazine Page 46 )(DHI Page 26)
- [Decoded NFPA 3000](#) - Lori Greene, DAHC/CDC, FDAI, FDHI, CCPR (Door Security and Safety Magazine Page 49)(DHI Page 29)

We look forward to future discussions and providing our continued assistance to the Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jerry S. Heppes, CAE". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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