



Resolution #18-10

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING TRUMP AND REPUBLICAN SUPPORT TO ARM  
TEACHERS**

**WHEREAS**, the United States of America is home to school mass shooting tragedies including most recently the Parkland school mass shooting tragedy resulting in the death of 17 students and staff; and

**WHEREAS**, in the wake of the Parkland tragedy, Florida Republican leaders are calling for “school marshal” programs to arm and train teachers in firearms, and Trump and the Republican Congress still oppose comprehensive gun reform.

**WHEREAS**, the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence states “there could be instances of real confusion that would lead to tragedy if we had more guns in more classrooms” and criminal justice experts have pointed out that arming teachers could result in accidental discharge; pose a risk to teachers’ lives in instances where a teacher is forcibly disarmed or mistaken for an active shooter; or accidentally shoots students instead of the active shooter; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic Party of Orange County calls upon Congress along with all local elected school board members to vocally oppose “school marshal” and other plans to train and arm teachers in schools; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Democratic Party of Orange County continues to call upon elected officials to support common sense gun safety laws including the banning of bump stocks, high capacity magazines, assault style military weapons, along with closing of the “bullet button loophole”, by outlawing manufacturer and after-market products designed to circumvent bans on assault weapons and automatic rifles; and imposition of universal background checks including for private party transfers and ammunition serialization.

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