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Just this afternoon (2-9-23) in Bend, OR I received this alert via our local paper, the Bend Bulletin: "***Dozens of law enforcement officers, many armed with rifles, searched Bend High School Thursday after a person called police saying he had weapons and was going into the school. "***

Thankfully, it appears this threat did not materialize but when might it? I cannot imagine how terrified the students and staff in our local high schools felt. Even though my own children are grown, I will never consider this fear acceptable in a place that should be experienced as safe. Anything that can increase a sense of safety in our schools should be done, but the mobile alert system proposed in Alyssa's law is an important and cost-effective beginning. If passed, the program created by Alyssa's Law will give schools, faculty and students an important tool and empower them to react in tragic instances when time is of the essence—be that a credible threat of violence, or a medical emergency.

Please enact Alyssa's Law. Thank you.