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Representatives Bolick and Payne on Texas Elementary Mass Shooting and Urge Support for School Safety Programs in Arizona

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – State Representative Shawwna LM Bolick and Kevin Payne today issued the following statement expressing support for victims and families of the Robb elementary school shooting and highlighting current legislative efforts that would enhance school safety programs and help protect students and teachers in Arizona.

“Like all Americans, we stand with the victims, survivors, and grieving families of the horrific tragedy at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas. We are grateful for the heroic members of law enforcement whose actions helped prevent any greater loss of life.

“In this legislative session, there are two bills currently pending in the state Senate that would help enhance school safety efforts here in Arizona. HB 2542 appropriates \$5.16 million to help fund the school safety interoperability fund for 12 counties, and HB 2134 appropriates \$150,000 to the Arizona Department of Education in FY 2022-2023 for the awarding of student safety grants to public schools.

“Together, these school safety bills would go far to help prevent similar tragedies in our state and keep public school children and teachers safe, and we hope to see them approved by the legislature and enacted into law this session.”

Both [HB 2542](#), sponsored by Representative Payne, and [HB 2134](#), sponsored by Representative Bolick, passed the House with overwhelming bipartisan support earlier this session.

Shawwna LM Bolick is a Republican member of the Arizona House of Representatives serving Legislative District 20 in Maricopa County and is the chairwoman of the House Ways and Means Committee. Follow her on Twitter at @Bolick4Arizona.

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