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State Senator Roland Gutierrez issues statement on Nashville Massacre

Austin, Texas – On Monday, State Senator Roland Gutierrez issued the following statement about the [Nashville Covenant School massacre](#) which claimed the lives of 3 students and 3 teachers.

“Our hearts go out to the victims and families impacted by the recent shooting at Covenant School in Nashville, Tennessee. I know all too well the pain and shock that these families and survivors are experiencing right now. 10 months ago, Robb Elementary in Uvalde, Texas lost 21 beautiful souls to gun violence. Those who survived are left with physical and mental lifelong wounds.

“The Covenant School shooting is yet another tragic reminder of the urgent need for commonsense gun safety laws in our country. The fact that our children are not safe in our schools is flat-out unacceptable. We, as elected officials, must take bold action to prevent gun violence and protect our communities. There is no place for this in the Greatest Country on Earth. It saddens me deeply to have to express this sentiment, time and time again.

“We must strengthen background checks, close loopholes that allow dangerous individuals to obtain firearms, and ensure that guns are kept out of the hands of those who pose a threat to themselves or others. This is the bare minimum we can do - and it will save lives.

“We cannot continue to accept mass shootings as the new normal. This is absolutely not normal. It's time for our leaders to put the safety of our children and communities first and take action to prevent these senseless tragedies from occurring. We owe it to the victims of gun violence and their families to take action and prevent more lives from being lost.”

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