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The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) Supports
The National School Walkout

ALEXANDRIA, VA – Today, students across the country will exercise their right to peacefully assemble. These students are carrying the weight of America on their shoulders as they advocate for smart gun control measures that ensure that school shootings, like the one that shook Parkland, FL, are no longer a part of their lives. The leadership and strength showcased by these young people in their drive to focus national attention and legislation on ending gun violence is commendable. The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Officials (NOBLE) honors the lives of the 17 people killed and those wounded at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, their families, school administrators, and communities reeling from this horrific campus shooting. NOBLE joins in the call for smart gun control measures. No child, parent, teacher, or school administrator should live in fear inside the walls of school buildings. It is incumbent on our legislators to not only hear the voices of these young student advocates but to act. The time for smart gun legislation is now.

“With the increasing number of calls for service, seizures of weapons, and threats of violence on school campuses across our country since the tragic events of February 14, 2018, it’s obvious that the educational process has been severely hampered by the fear on these very campuses,” stated NOBLE President, Clarence E. Cox, III.

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About the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives

Since 1976, The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) has served as the conscience of law enforcement by being committed to justice by action. NOBLE represents over 3,000 members internationally, who are primarily African-American chief
executive officers of law enforcement agencies at federal, state, county and municipal levels, other law enforcement administrators, and criminal justice practitioners. For more information, visit www.noblenational.org.

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