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The American National Standards Institute
25 West 43rd Street
Fourth Floor
New York, NY 10036

Re: A Risk Analysis Standard for Natural and Man-Made Hazards to Higher Education Institutions, published August 1, 2010

Dear Members of the Institute:


The VTV Family Outreach Foundation would like to thank the American National Standards Institute for publishing the above-referenced document. The Foundation was created by families and survivors directly impacted by the April 16, 2007 tragedy at Virginia Tech. Given that the Foundation's mission is to keep campuses safe, we are working on a national plan for campus safety. This document has been an incredibly helpful and educational tool for that effort.

We would like to acknowledge, in particular, Standard 3.2.1, which recommends, "Threat Assessment Teams be put into place on campuses to help identify potential persons of concern and gather and analyze information regarding the potential threat posed by an individual(s)." In the wake of the April 16, 2007 tragedy, the Commonwealth of Virginia mandated that public institutions of higher education establish threat assessment teams. Illinois took it one step further by mandating threat assessment teams be established in public, *and private*, colleges and universities. We find that such teams, if well organized and established, provide a necessary service in assuring campus safety and security.

Hopefully, institutions of higher education throughout the United States and overseas will study your recommendations and implement them. Specifically, we hope that they will create threat assessment teams or a version thereof in order to assess and monitor risks and prevent a tragedy.

Thank you again for your dedicated work in the area of safety and we look forward to working with you to keep campuses safe.

Sincerely,


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