



## Fallout from the Parkland School Shooting

The Parkland school shooting was a horrible tragedy and it is heart wrenching to think of the students whose lives were cut short. I am continuing to pray for the families and students and encourage you to do so as well. All of your prayers were so helpful to me when I was recovering last summer, and I know these families will need all the support and prayers we can give them during this difficult time.

As more information comes out, it is clear that this shooting should have been prevented before it happened. The FBI and local police had been alerted to the shooter's suspicious behavior months before the shooting, and the school had at least one armed sheriff's deputy on the scene who hid instead of engaging the shooter and saving lives. My life was saved by the two Capitol police officers with me at the baseball field who engaged and took down the shooter, and stopped him from killing anyone on that field. It is clear with the Parkland shooting that there were many breakdowns in the system already in place that were designed to prevent these tragedies. We need to find out why these breakdowns occurred, and hold those people accountable who failed to stop this shooter before he killed 17 innocent victims. I wish there was some magic legislation that would stop the next tragedy from happening, but rather than further limiting the rights of law-abiding citizens, we need to find out why so many laws already on the books and so many systems already in place didn't work. Our children deserve better! I talked with [Maria Bartiromo on Fox Business](#) about this on Friday.

## Great to be Back Home

It was great to be back home in Louisiana this week while Congress was out of session. I enjoyed meeting with so many local friends. I enjoyed touring a local charter school, and I even threw out the first pitch at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette's season opener [Friday night](#) (I brought the heat).



## Kenner Discovery High School

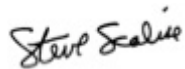
Touring Kenner Discovery, a local charter school, was one of the highlights of my week. It's great to meet the next generation of leaders and hear their thoughts on the future of our country. I shared with them my experience representing our district in Congress, and took questions from the students about the issues they were concerned about. They also taught me a few things, like how they use an app that combines augmented reality in their chemistry class. Have to say there was nothing close to that when I was in high school! Based on the talented students I met there, I'm very encouraged about the next generation of leaders in our community!

## Tax Reform

The *Tax Cuts and Jobs Act* continues to deliver real results for millions of families across the country. As more companies like [J.M. Smucker Co.](#), who make the famous Smucker's Jelly, have announced bonuses, greater benefits, and increased wages, more and more Americans are excited by the direction our economy is moving. Small businesses are at a [record level of confidence](#) in the economy. This is great news and more keeps coming!

It is an honor to represent you in Congress. For more information please visit my [website](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [Facebook](#) pages.

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Scalise". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Steve Scalise  
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