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TSTA: We don't need more committees on school safety. The Uvalde victims' families and all Texans need more gun reform

Texas State Teachers Association President Ovidia Molina released the following statement:

Nineteen children and two teachers were killed by an assailant with an assault rifle at an elementary school in Uvalde, and Gov. Abbott's response is to appoint more committees to study school safety. That's very weak. The victims' families and all Texans deserve better than that.

Committees and other groups have studied school safety before, including after the Santa Fe High School shootings in 2018 and the El Paso Walmart shootings in 2019, and schools obviously aren't safe from mass shooters. This is because the governor and legislators refuse to address the real issue and enact reasonable gun laws to keep guns out of the hands of people who shouldn't have them. The governor didn't even put this issue on the agenda for the new committees.

The 18-year-old shooter in Uvalde legally purchased the assault rifle, and that should not have been allowed to happen. And only last year, lawmakers passed and Abbott signed a law allowing most adults to carry handguns without any state licensing or safety training.

Guns kill people, including school children and educators, and there are too many guns out there in the possession of dangerous people. It doesn't take more committees to figure that out.