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**Houston, TX** - Yesterday, the Uvalde, TX community lost 21 lives, 19 children and 2 teachers, from a senseless and distraught mass murder at Robb Elementary School. We at Woori Juntos are keeping the families, friends of the victims and the whole Uvalde community in our thoughts. We are gutted, nauseous, and enraged that gun violence, and the ease to access, carry, and use violent weapons, continues to plague our communities throughout the country.

In a little over two weeks, we bore witness to gun attacks and murders against Korean women at a Dallas Korean Hair Salon, Black shoppers at a local Buffalo supermarket, a Taiwanese congregation at an Orange County Church, and now young students and teachers in a majority Latine elementary school in Uvalde, TX. The amount of loss can not be overstated. Each life lost carried dreams, hopes, laughter, smiles, tears, and joys. Each life carried deep connections to family members, friends, and a community as a whole. Each life carried a right to live their lives safely and without concern of this kind of evil.

“My heart goes out to all of the victims and their families. These senseless acts of violence have been tearing our communities apart for so long. I don’t understand how we continue to let these tragedies happen over and over again without taking any preventative action.” said Hyunja Norman, Executive Director of Woori Juntos.

“It just hurts. These children probably were looking forward to summer break. At the playgrounds, in the pools, and at their homes. And now it’s gone. Because leaders of Texas continue to fail our communities by ignoring our needs and passing laws that ease access to deadly weapons while taking generous donations from groups like the NRA.” said Steven Wu, Organizing & Policy Manager of Woori Juntos.

We at Woori Juntos are committed to helping the families and friends of the victims at Robb Elementary School in whatever form is needed. We are also committed to ending this violence by pushing for common sense gun control policy, including universal background checks,



creating violence prevention programs, appropriately funding and hiring for mental and social services, designating gun violence as a public health crisis so funding can support research, and curbing influence and money from the NRA to our elected officials.

We also ask our members to commit to the following immediate actions:

1. [Donate](#) to help support the victims and families of the Robb Elementary Shooting during this time.
2. [Sign this petition](#) to demand that Houston First Corporation cancel this Friday's annual NRA meeting at George R. Brown Convention Center.
3. [Participate in protests](#) of the NRA Meeting at Discovery Green and George R. Brown Convention Center.
4. If you are an attorney in Texas, [volunteer](#) your time to assist victims and families of the Robb Elementary Shooting with unmet legal needs.
5. Call your [Texas State Representative and Senator](#) to demand that gun control policies are introduced and passed in the 2023 Texas Legislature.