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## **Urban League of Philadelphia Join Forces With 50 Young People at March for Our Lives Event**

*The Urban League of Philadelphia and a Group of Passionate Young Individuals travel to  
Washington D.C. to fight for change.*

(Washington, D.C.)—Saddened by recent shootings in Parkland, Florida, The Urban League of Philadelphia (ULP) gathered 50 high school children on a bus and traveled to Washington D.C in hopes of constituting change. The group departed at 6:00 a.m. Saturday to join fellow advocates in the March for Our Lives event. We convened students from the NAACP, School District of Philadelphia, Year Up and the YMCA. For many of our student this was their first march. However, each student came prepared, ready to be heard and march for justice.

Outraged by push back from politicians, thousands of young people join forces creating one of the largest movements America has seen to date. In hopes of establishing stricter gun control laws, America's youth demanded change. Students want a change in gun reform, stricter gun purchasing age limits and mental health.

"ULP wanted to give young people from Philadelphia a platform to fight for something their passionate about," said President of ULP Andrea Custis.

The students boarded the bus at 5:45 a.m. in front of the ULP office, accompanied by leaders of the organization. The group arrived at 9 a.m. at the convention center in Washington, D.C., greeted by The National Urban League and 15 Affiliates. Groomed and ready, each student advocated with a clear purpose and well-defined vision. Popular chants such as "Am I Next" and "Enough is Enough," owned the day. Young people from the Philadelphia area under the appointment of ULP, marched to end mass shootings and gun violence in all forms.

### **About the Urban League of Philadelphia**

The Urban League of Philadelphia (ULP) has been empowering the African American community since 1917. ULP is affiliate of the National Urban League, the nation's oldest and largest community-based movement devoted to empowering African Americans to enter the economic and social mainstream.

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