Subject: Campus-Wide Walkout During Class

Dear Professor/Dean _____,

On February 14th, 2018, 17 students and staff were killed by an AR15 at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. This was one of the deadliest school shootings in American history. I believe it is the duty and moral imperative of students, faculty, staff at Hopkins to stand in solidarity with current and future students and to advocate for stronger gun control measures to end the American epidemic of gun violence.

March 14th is a day of significance in that it lies a month exactly after the Parkland shooting. In light of this tragedy, a campus-wide walkout is being organized on March 14th, 2018 from 10:00-10:17 A.M at the Keyser Quad by Gilman Hall. The duration of the walkout is symbolic: 17 minutes in remembrance of the 17 lives lost to gun violence.

The intent of this walkout is to provide the Hopkins community with a platform to express condolences toward the families, survivors and victims of mass shootings in our country. It will allow for a moment of solidarity between students, faculty, staff and administration.

It is in these times of tragedy that we can best unify, especially in regards to an issue that has the potential to affect our safety on campus.

I ask that you please **excuse** my brief absence from your class to allow for my expression of support toward this cause. In addition, I **encourage** you to also consider participating in the campus walkout as both a faculty member and member of our beloved community.

Various administrators, faculty and staff members have personally committed to collaborating with our act of mindful expression. I hope you will join us in demanding an end to gun violence.

Thank you for your consideration,

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