

Mr. Halligan was driven to action following the devastating loss of his son, Ryan, to suicide on October 7th, 2003. After it was revealed that Ryan was the victim of bullying at his middle school and online, Mr. Halligan felt compelled to use his personal tragedy to protect other children from similar harm. In 2004, he spearheaded the passing of the Vermont Bullying Prevention law, and in 2006, he established a law that requires education concerning suicide prevention in public schools.

With the mission to spread awareness and prevention of bullying, cyberbullying, and teen suicide, Mr. Halligan has been a guest on multiple national television programs, including Oprah, Primetime with Diane Sawyer, and PBS Frontline. He has also spoken to over 2000 schools to personally share Ryan's story with others and provide a message of hope and kindness.

Please join me in welcoming Mr. Halligan.