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The Honorable Robert Menendez  
United States Senate  
528 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable John Boozman  
United States Senate  
141 Hart Senate Office Building  
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Dear Senators Menendez and Boozman:

On behalf of the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) and our 40,000 members, I would like to express our support for the “Prevent BLEEDing Act.”

No one understands the pressure of providing time-sensitive, lifesaving care to patients in medical distress like emergency physicians. We know the first few minutes after an emergency are critical for survival, and emergency service professionals aren’t always the first ones on the scene. For this reason, ACEP created a program – Until Help Arrives – designed to help emergency physicians teach basic life-saving skills to civilians in their community.

ACEP’s course is a condensed version of FEMA’s “You’re the Help Until Help Arrives” campaign and our program emphasizes three elements of this citizen first responder training: bleeding control, scene safety, and compression-only CPR. The goal of these training seminars is to teach participants how to access the 911 system and communicate scene details effectively; assess the safety of an emergency scene; control severe bleeding until emergency personnel arrive; recognize signs of Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA); and perform compression-only CPR.

The Prevent BLEEDing Act would provide valuable resources to help obtain anti-blood loss supplies, including tourniquets, gauze, wound-packing materials, hemostatic dressings, gloves, markers, or other appropriate materials as you have outlined in your legislation that are part of our core curriculum. Simply put, your bill will help emergency physicians help prepare their neighbors to respond during the aftermath of a storm, car crash, active shooter, or other crisis.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue and we look forward to working with you to enact this valuable legislation.

Sincerely,



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