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The Honorable Robert Menendez
U.S. Senate
528 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable John Boozeman
U.S. Senate
141 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington DC 201510

Dear Senators Menendez and Boozeman:

On behalf of the Trauma Center Association of America (TCAA), I write in support of the *Prevent Blood Loss with Emergency Equipment Devices (BLEEDing) Act of 2020*. This legislation is a critical first step in empowering civilians to take life-saving action when the need arises, regardless of the situation or cause of significant or traumatic bleeding.

As you know, each year, more than 180,000 people die from traumatic injuries sustained as a result of events including vehicle crashes, falls, industrial and farm accidents, shootings, and natural disasters. The most common preventable cause of these deaths is hemorrhage in the minutes before trained first responders arrive. Just like with CPR training, a civilian familiar with basic bleeding control techniques is better equipped to save a life. The effort to make this training and bleeding control kits available to the public through a Department of Homeland Security grant program will help to drive the goal of reducing or eliminating preventable death from bleeding.

TCAA strongly supports the Prevent BLEEDing Act. The organization's advocacy efforts on behalf of its membership, which is comprised of trauma centers, includes support for legislation aimed at Stop the Bleed efforts at the state and federal level. Thank you for your efforts and leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Ward
President