

July 28, 2023

The Honorable John Cornyn
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The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse
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The Honorable Thom Tillis
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The Honorable Christopher Coons
United States Senate
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Dear Senators Cornyn, Whitehouse, Tillis, and Coons:

On behalf of the more than 87,000 members of the American College of Surgeons (ACS), thank you for your leadership in introducing the *American Law Enforcement Sustaining Aid and Vital Emergency Resources (SAVER) Act* (S. 2644). The ACS Committee on Trauma (COT) was founded in 1922 to develop and implement programs that support injury prevention and ensure optimal patient outcomes across the continuum of care. In keeping with that mission, the COT created the STOP THE BLEED® campaign in 2015 to prepare the public to save lives by teaching three quick actions to control serious bleeding. S. 2644 will allow states, tribal territories, and local jurisdictions to use funds from the Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (Byrne JAG) to purchase STOP THE BLEED® kits and anti-blood loss supplies.

The Byrne JAG program, administered by the U.S. Department of Justice, provides funding to support a wide range of law enforcement and criminal justice activities, including training and supplies. More than 200,000 people die each year from traumatic injuries sustained from events such as vehicle crashes, falls, industrial and farm accidents, shootings, and natural disasters. Uncontrolled bleeding is the number one cause of preventable death from trauma, and victims of severe bleeding can die within minutes. By allowing states, tribal territories, and local governments to purchase trauma kits using Byrne JAG funds, we can ensure that first responders have the tools necessary to save lives when minutes matter.

ACS strongly supports the *American Law Enforcement SAVER Act*. I thank you again for your leadership and look forward to working with you to achieve our goal of eliminating preventable deaths from bleeding.

Sincerely,

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