



March 8, 2022

The Honorable Freddie Rodriguez  
California State Assembly  
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RE: AB 2260 – Emergency Response: Trauma Kits

Dear Assembly Member Rodriguez:

On behalf of the California members of the American College of Surgeons, I am writing in support of your bill, Assembly Bill 2260 – Emergency Response: Trauma Kits.

We support legislation that would require the installation of trauma kits in public buildings throughout the state to use in the case of a mass casualty event to stop traumatic bleeding injuries and save lives. Similar to Automated Electronic Defibrillators (AEDs), trauma kits are a simple and effective way to help save lives of victims suffering severe bleeding injuries as a result of a traumatic event by stopping the bleed while waiting for professional emergency responders to arrive. The legislation calls for the trauma kits to be installed just as AEDs are located in public places.

The American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma in collaboration with the medical community, the federal government, US military and other governmental and nongovernmental emergency medical response organizations created recommendations called the Hartford Consensus following the tragic event at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, CT to develop resources to train people to take action mass casualty trauma event. The “Stop the Bleed” campaign is a culmination of these recommendations as detailed at [www.bleedingcontrol.org](http://www.bleedingcontrol.org). The proposed legislation is in line with the Hartford Consensus and Bleeding Control course initiatives.

We consider this legislation as an important resource to ensure that key building personnel and the public have the training and access to lifesaving tools in the event of a traumatic bleeding injury that can take place at any time due to a fall, mechanical accident, or worse. Every minute counts to save a life from a severe bleeding injury. This legislation is a necessary tool to help save a life.

The first step to saving lives is stopping the bleed.

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