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August 22, 2022

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
1021 O Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support AB 2260

Dear Governor Newsom,

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we urge you to sign Assembly Bill 2260 – Emergency Response: Trauma Kits.

Individuals with a training in basic first aid can treat minor injuries and provide comfort to the injured. More advance training such as CPR and the use of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) provide individuals with the knowledge and techniques to respond when a person has stopped breathing or is experiencing cardiac arrest. Individuals with these types of trainings have come to expect access to medical resources and tools, such as first aid kits and AEDs, in public places and buildings when they are needed.

The STOP THE BLEED® campaign is the next step in emergency first aid providing people with training and techniques on how to respond when a person is severely injured and is experiencing rapid blood loss. The STOP THE BLEED® training not only teaches participants how to use gauze and tourniquets to stop bleeding but also how to prevent the situation from becoming worse.

As with any injury or medical emergency, immediate treatment provides critical time to stabilize or revive the patient while professional emergency services are on their way. In the event of a traumatic bleeding injury, time is even more crucial as it can take a just a few minutes for bleeding to cause death. As shown in national studies, prompt access to trauma kits will greatly increase the survival chance of the injured bleeding person.

A traumatic bleeding injury can happen at any moment and in any location. California is especially susceptible to emergency disasters, including earthquakes, that can result in the need to treat numerous

people with severe injuries. In these circumstances excellent pre-hospital emergency care for the injured is critical to provide trauma and emergency centers with the necessary time to prepare for and save the injured. The COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated the vulnerability of our emergency centers to handle a sudden large influx of patients while still handling normal caseloads. STOP THE BLEED® training and the use of trauma kits will help to provide precious time for severely injured patients and will save lives.

Assembly Bill 2260 will make certain that trauma kits are available in California’s buildings and public places when and where they are needed most.

We strongly urge you to **sign A.B. 2260 into law.**

Sincerely,

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