

Date
[Name of Staffer, if applicable]
The Honorable [first name, last name]
State of Colorado House of Representatives [or Senate]
Address
City/State/Zip

Dear Representative/Senator _____:

We would like to request your support of the Trauma-specific healthcare state legislation Bill # **** proposal for "Stop the Bleed". Each year, more than 180,000 people die from traumatic injuries sustained as a result of events, including motor vehicle crashes, falls, industrial/ farm accidents, natural disasters, and tragic mass casualty events. The most common **preventable** cause of death in these situations is the loss of too much blood in the minutes before trained immediate responders arrive. No matter how rapid the arrival of professional emergency responders, bystanders will always be first on the scene, and their ability to recognize life-threatening bleeding and the ability to intervene effectively can save lives. The American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma (ACS COT) is leading the effort to save lives by teaching the civilian population to provide vital initial response to stop uncontrolled bleeding in emergency situations. Stop the Bleed is a national awareness campaign and call to action intended to cultivate grassroots efforts and encourage bystanders to become trained, equipped, and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives.

We consist of people and organizations who want to save lives and need your assistance to see this through. We are Colorado health care professionals, first responders, teachers, parents, teenagers, veterans, government officials, your neighbors and constituents. Supporting this legislation could in fact save **your** life or the life of **your** loved ones. The Stop the Bleed campaign has been successful in its efforts to inform, educate, and empower the more than 300 million citizens of the United States.

With your help, our mission is to further support the Stop the Bleed campaign by providing stop the bleed tool kits and education starting with training legislators/ capitol staff, and publicly funded Colorado high schools. We would plan to eventually equip and train all CO high schools and middle schools and enable collaboration and cooperation between the many people and organizations working to train and equip the nation to reduce the loss of life due to traumatic bleeding.

Thank you in advance for your time, attention and support with this crucial need.

Sincerely,

Sign your name if mailing

[Your first name & Last Name]

Street Address

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