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The Honorable Alcee Hastings
U.S. House of Representatives
2352 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Brad Wenstrup, DPM
U.S. House of Representatives
2419 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representatives Hastings and Wenstrup:

On behalf of the more than 80,000 members of the American College of Surgeons (ACS), I write in support of the *Prevent Blood Loss with Emergency Equipment Devices (BLEEDing) Act of 2019*. 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 a direct result of the 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School shootings, the ACS partnered with law enforcement and other interested national organizations to develop the Hartford Consensus. Out of this Consensus emerged the Stop the Bleed® program,