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I signed this letter because:

<p>A public health approach to gun violence is long over-due in this nation: prevention is key.</p>	<p><i>Public Health Practitioner</i></p>	<p><i>NY</i></p>
<p>American gun violence is a public health crisis.</p>	<p><i>Medical Student</i></p>	<p><i>PA</i></p>
<p>An important, urgent problem.</p>	<p><i>Physician</i></p>	<p><i>WI</i></p>
<p>We, in medicine, spend decades studying difficult causes of death, such as cancer. To see that the number one cause of death for children is gun violence is heartbreaking, as the solutions involve political will instead of scientific knowledge.</p>	<p><i>Medical Student</i></p>	<p><i>CA</i></p>
<p>As a firearm researcher and emergency physician, I understand the profound harm caused by guns in our country. 44,222 Americans did not need to die by gun violence in 2020.</p>	<p><i>Physician</i></p>	<p><i>MA</i></p>
<p>As a mom of two young children, I'm heartbroken to hear all the school shootings. I can't possibly imagine the pain and suffering of the parents who have lost their children.</p>	<p><i>Physician</i></p>	<p><i>IN</i></p>
<p>As a mother and pediatric provider, the physical and mental health safety of our children is and should remain a top priority.</p>	<p><i>Nurse Practitioner</i></p>	<p><i>TX</i></p>
<p>As a mother, I should not have to fear sending my child to school. My child and every child in this country should have the right to a safe and healthy childhood free from physical harm and mental harm of firearms.</p>	<p><i>Medical Student</i></p>	<p><i>KY</i></p>
<p>As a pediatrician in the Bronx for 30 years, I have seen the horrendous impact of gun violence and exposure to gun violence firsthand and feel I must do what I can to protect children and their families.</p>	<p><i>Physician</i></p>	<p><i>NY</i></p>
<p>As a pediatrician, the preventable death of children is a primary motivation for me to become involved.</p>	<p><i>Physician</i></p>	<p><i>UT</i></p>
<p>As a physician in pediatric emergency medicine, my colleagues and I see all too often the effects of gun violence on children. We urge you to take action so that children can grow up safely in the places where they live, learn and play.</p>	<p><i>Physician</i></p>	<p><i>OH</i></p>
<p>As a scientist and an advocate for the uptake of evidence into policy, I'm in favor of this petition which makes clear the devastating impact of gun violence at a population level. It needs to be considered a public health emergency for appropriate, wide-ranging policy solutions to be invoked.</p>	<p><i>Researcher</i></p>	<p><i>NC</i></p>
<p>As forensic nurses, we see firsthand the impact of gun violence on children. Action must be taken.</p>	<p><i>Nurse</i></p>	<p><i>MD</i></p>

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As the Executive Director for APSA with approval by the Board and consistent with our Mission and Values.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>PA</i>
Children are dying , and it is right we do our part early to prevent the deaths.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>NY</i>
Children have the right to feel safe in their schools, homes, and communities. We have failed to protect them.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>WI</i>
Children should not be shot by guns. We cannot ignore the number one cause of death in children.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>GA</i>
I think about the potential for gun violence any time I attend a public gathering. It's a horrifying reality. Gun violence makes life in America terrifying.	<i>Medical Student</i>	<i>IN</i>
Because guns are dangerous and should be banned.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>NY</i>
Because I also believe gun violence is a health emergency . I'm sick of seeing minorities die from gun violence. Enough is enough.	<i>Public Health Practitioner</i>	<i>MA</i>
Because I believe action should be taken to stop gun violence as soon as possible at every level.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>NY</i>
Because I do not want one more person to die because of gun violence.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>NY</i>
Because I treat far too many gun violence victims in my emergency department.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>TN</i>
Because I would like guns to be highly regulated to just law enforcement personal.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>NY</i>
Because it is a true national emergency .	<i>Physician</i>	<i>NY</i>
Because it is up to us to keep children and families safe and stop this nonsense.	<i>Public Health</i>	<i>NY</i>
Because students shouldn't have to worry about going to class or walking down the street and possibly getting shot.	<i>Medical Student</i>	<i>AR</i>
Our children and their parents should be with peace of mind every day. Kids receiving education and parents focus on their work without uncertainty if this will be the last day they see their kids. As citizens we want to go to malls, restaurants, concerts, fairs to have and enjoy entertainment without having second thoughts and restrict ourselves due to fear of a shooting. I include education on how to manage emotions and respect other people lives.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>PR</i>

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Because this is a national health crisis that is breaking my heart. It shouldn't be this way and there needs to be action taken to protect and change the matter. It's disgusting that this even has to be an issue to worry about. We need change now before it gets worse.	<i>Medical Student</i>	<i>LA</i>
Because this is an emergency matter that affects the health of everyone, especially our nation's children.	<i>Medical Student</i>	<i>PR</i>
Because we can do better than the carnage of our people.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>AK</i>
Being a trauma and acute care physician , I am acutely aware of harm to young children which many carry future consequences.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>NY</i>
Believe in it.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>NY</i>
Chief of Pediatric Surgery and treat these devastated patients and families.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>NJ</i>
Children are so often innocent victims of gun violence, yet they have no control over access to guns by others. We pediatricians must speak up for them.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>PA</i>
Children do not have a voice in standing up for their basic human rights to safety and wellbeing. We need to be the ones to stand up for children, our most vulnerable population.	<i>Medical Assistant</i>	<i>UT</i>
Children, teachers and parents are afraid to go to school or to go about their normal life without fear of being shot with weapons of war.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>NY</i>
Childrens' lives are in danger and they are a highly vulnerable population. It is our responsibility to protect them.	<i>Nurse</i>	<i>UT</i>
As a Black woman, seeing my community on the news due to gun violence is disheartening. Declaring this as a health emergency will help my and other community voices be heard and seen.	<i>Other</i>	<i>AL</i>
Enough is enough. Gun violence is only on the rise and is becoming the new normal. Shootings are NOT NORMAL. When will there be enough bloodshed for there to be change?	<i>Medical Student</i>	<i>NY</i>
Equity , life, mitigating violent death and injury.	<i>Medical Student</i>	<i>DC</i>
EXPOSURE TO CHILDHOOD VIOLENCE REMAINS A LIFELONG TRAUMA.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>PA</i>
Firearms are the leading cause of death in children.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>OH</i>
For the children.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>OH</i>

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For the health and safety of our children.	<i>Medical Student</i>	<i>LA</i>
For the victims who suffer from gun violence and the family members who suffer from the grief and depression of losing loved ones.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>NY</i>
Freedom to possess guns should not be prioritized over freedom to not be violently murdered while grocery shopping.	<i>Medical Student</i>	<i>NV</i>
Growing public health and safety concerns due to a largely preventable cause. We need effective and evidence-based change and we need time-sensitive action.	<i>Medical Student</i>	<i>MS</i>
Gun control is a major public health issue that affects US residents on a daily basis. We need better gun control in this country.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>MO</i>
Gun injury and violence is a public health emergency!	<i>Physician</i>	<i>OR</i>
Gun safety is critical in keeping our children safe. We cannot continue to allow our little ones to die from a cause that can be preventable. Action is needed - NOW.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>MA</i>
Gun violence and death by suicide has reached epidemic levels in the United States	<i>Physician</i>	<i>NY</i>
Gun violence has increased over the last decade and is affecting the health of our children and families. Our children are our future, and it is our duty to protect and invest in their education and health. I agree with this statement to build a public health response and improve the health of our children who will build our future.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>AZ</i>
Gun violence has severely impacted families across the nation. Children shouldn't have to worry about going to school with bulletproof backpacks or having to think about active shooters, but unfortunately, that is the reality our nation faces today. The three strategies outlined in this petition are feasible actions that can help promote the safety and well-being of children and their families across the United States.	<i>Medical Student</i>	<i>LA</i>
Gun violence has to stop.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>NY</i>
Gun violence in America is out of control.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>WI</i>
Gun violence is a health emergency.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>CA</i>
Gun violence is a major health crisis!	<i>Nurse</i>	<i>IL</i>
Gun violence is a major risk to children.	<i>Nurse Practitioner</i>	<i>UT</i>
Gun violence is a nationwide threat to children and teachers. It is a tragedy every time guns are used to mass murder people, and children / parents / teachers should not fear for their or their children's lives.	<i>Medical Student</i>	<i>VA</i>

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<p>Gun violence is a prominent cause in childhood deaths in America. We must do everything in our power to protect the most vulnerable members of our nation. It is an injustice and huge disservice to not protect them. How much longer will politicians sit idle while their pockets fill with lobby money? Is that money worth losing the future of America? Is it worth risking our prosperity?</p>	<p><i>Scientific Researcher</i></p>	<p>CO</p>
<p>Gun violence is a public health concern in this country. No child should have to grow up in fear of gun violence. As someone who grew up in Las Vegas, where the Oct 2017 shooting occurred, gun violence has had a profound impact on my community.</p>	<p><i>Medical Student</i></p>	<p>NV</p>
<p>Gun violence is a public health crisis!</p>	<p><i>Medical Student</i></p>	<p>CA</p>
<p>Gun violence is a public health emergency.</p>	<p><i>Physician</i></p>	<p>NY</p>
<p>Gun violence is a public health issue. The number of events is steadily increasing, threatening individuals, schools, and communities. It is time for us to take action against future firearm violence by requiring appropriate background checks and limiting permits for individuals with a history of violence against others.</p>	<p><i>Physician</i></p>	<p>FL</p>
<p>Gun violence is a public health issue. We must take the necessary steps to ensure that children can live and learn in safe and nurturing environments.</p>	<p><i>Physician</i></p>	<p>NY</p>
<p>Gun violence is an epidemic that needs to be addressed and resolved.</p>	<p><i>Nurse Practitioner</i></p>	<p>WI</p>
<p>Gun violence is an epidemic which needs federal laws to combat it. I'm sick of hearing and seeing deaths due to inadequate laws.</p>	<p><i>Nurse</i></p>	<p>NY</p>
<p>Gun violence is an important health risk factor that impacts my patients on a regular basis. More needs to be done to reduce gun violence on a national scale to improve the health and safety of children and improve our abilities to care for primary and secondary victims of gun violence.</p>	<p><i>Physician</i></p>	<p>NY</p>
<p>Gun violence is an issue many people are refusing to ignore; it is not okay and it poses a safety risk for not just children but everyone if not placed in the proper hands. I'm signing for the safety of my family, nieces and nephews, friends, and future children.</p>	<p><i>Medical Student</i></p>	<p>LA</p>
<p>Gun violence is destroying the people of America - destroying the country.</p>	<p><i>Medical Student</i></p>	<p>NV</p>

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Gun violence is now the #1 cause of death for children. This is a public health crisis	<i>Medical Student</i>	<i>IL</i>
Gun violence is one of the biggest crises facing our children today. To ignore its impact is destructive to the futures of children and marginalized communities.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>TX</i>
Gun violence is preventable and takes the lives of many children in the US. We can take concrete steps to promote gun safety and prevent these tragic deaths.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>MD</i>
Gun violence is the #1 killer of our nation's children. We cannot remain silent. We must take action.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>NY</i>
Gun violence needs to be addressed in this country.	<i>Nurse Practitioner</i>	<i>TX</i>
Gun violence prevention is a public health emergency , and we should be doing everything we can to keep kids safe!	<i>Medical Student</i>	<i>IN</i>
Gun violence, and even the threat of gun violence, is a public health emergency . We can, and must do more to protect our communities, especially our children, from the morbidity and mortality caused by gun violence.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>IN</i>
Gun violence, especially toward children, needs to STOP!!	<i>Other</i>	<i>UT</i>
Guns are killing us .	<i>Physician</i>	<i>NY</i>
Guns kill more people every year. The portrayal of them in the media make them look cool. No one looks at the lives they ruin.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>IN</i>
Guns kill too many children and youth. This is unacceptable .	<i>Physician</i>	<i>NY</i>
I agree with all points made in the petition. Gun violence is out of control. I cannot tell you how many children and teens come to clinic expressing anxiety about their safety at school. They shouldn't have to live in a state of constant fear.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>UT</i>
I am a general pediatrician and a mother, and I care deeply about working collectively to improve the public health crisis of gun violence for children and families.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>NY</i>
I am a mother too.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>NY</i>
I am a pediatric resident and I love my patients .	<i>Physician</i>	<i>NY</i>
I am a pediatric trauma surgeon and avid firearm injury prevention researcher and advocate. I am funded by the CDC to study firearm injury prevention. I care deeply about these issues.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>TX</i>

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I am a pediatric trauma surgeon and have seen the impact of firearm violence in my patients as well as the critical need for additional research and focus on firearm injury prevention and safety education.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>CT</i>
I am a pediatrician and gun violence prevention advocate with direct personal experience with the toll of pediatric gun violence on children's lives and on communities.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>FL</i>
I am a pediatrician and public health professional with 25+ years of experience. I have witnessed the immediate and long-term damage of gun violence on our nation's children, families and communities. This is preventable. We have the power. What is needed is leadership courage. I and my colleagues stand with you to take meaningful action.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>NY</i>
I am a school nurse as well as a family member of survivors and victims of two mass shootings.	<i>Nurse</i>	<i>WI</i>
I am passionate about protecting the children of our country and am fed up with the status thus far related to gun safety.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>NY</i>
I am signing in my capacity of hospital chaplain / spiritual care giver who has experienced the devastation of gun violence close up. The collective psyche of our communities are negatively affected by easy access to guns to, ineffectively, "solve problems"... gun violence ultimately leads to the degradation of human nature and community.	<i>Other</i>	<i>NY</i>
I am signing today not only for the countless lives that have been lost but for those who have had to work and sacrifice to try to save them because of unfair and unjust laws that do not protect human safety or care about human rights at all.	<i>Other</i>	<i>LA</i>
I am tired of seeing people needlessly die.	<i>Medical Student</i>	<i>NV</i>
I believe gun violence in America is another pandemic.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>IL</i>
I believe gun violence is a health care issue.	<i>Medical Student</i>	<i>TX</i>
I believe gun violence is absolutely preventable and should be stopped. Red flag laws, safe storage and banning assault weapons all will start paving the way to end gun violence and help our nation's children.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>MD</i>
I believe in the commitment to end gun violence.	<i>Other</i>	<i>NY</i>
I believe it is important to protect children from gun violence.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>TX</i>

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I believe it is our duty as physicians to address the gun violence crisis and to protect our patients.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>IN</i>
I believe our children need to remain safe .	<i>Nurse</i>	<i>IN</i>
I believe that the increasing impact that gun violence has on children must be addressed in a new and powerful manner if any change is to happen.	<i>Scientific Researcher</i>	<i>UT</i>
I believe that this planet has to be secured for the future. Giving guns and letting students use guns at a young age distracts them mentally. We need to protect all and keep us all safe.	<i>Other</i>	<i>NY</i>
I can't tolerate the use of guns, and especially AK 15s to murder school children .	<i>Physician</i>	<i>IN</i>
I don't want my 2 kids to be the next victims of gun violence in this country.	<i>Medical Student</i>	<i>NY</i>
I have always seen guns and gun violence as a public health emergency ...for its direct violence and the community wide effects of the stress of gun use, gun possession, gun deaths, and the fact that we don't care for the stressors of our people in the ways that we should...the use of guns to solve problems has created an environment of fear and negative coping mechanisms. As a school nurse, I spend too much time practicing for and discussing and fearing...and grieving the next school shooting situation.	<i>Nurse</i>	<i>UT</i>
I have experienced gun violence in my family and supported patients with a history of gun violence.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>NY</i>
I have long supported gun control as a public health measure and the need is more urgent than ever.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>NY</i>
I have seen many children die and be seriously injured from gun violence. This includes a 3-year-old who recently discharged a firearm into his own face accidentally, a 17-year-old shot and killed on his walk home from school, and a 10-year-old whose mother shot him in the head to kill him before killing herself. This is a public health emergency .	<i>Physician</i>	<i>MI</i>
I have seen too many of the families for whom I care impacted by gun violence, both directly and indirectly; children who have been shot, some of whom have died or now have permanent disabilities and the many mental health consequences of exposure to gun violence.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>NY</i>

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I have taken care of too many children who are victims of gun violence. More needs to be done to protect our children.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>WI</i>
I have witnessed firsthand gun violence as an adult and the trauma, now 7 years later, is still part of my life struggle. I can't imagine how difficult it would be for a child to overcome such trauma. Children are our greatest achievement in life. We need to address the root of the issue and protect ALL our children. As Nelson Mandela said, 'There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children.'	<i>Scientific Researcher</i>	<i>UT</i>
I hope for a future in this country when students and citizens don't have to fear for their life when going to school or living their daily lives.	<i>Medical Student</i>	<i>GA</i>
I see the effects and negative physical and mental health repercussions of gun violence in both children and the adults I work with who witnessed gun violence as children.	<i>Nurse Practitioner</i>	<i>NY</i>
I see way too many kids killed and injured by guns! This is an epidemic , and it needs to stop!	<i>Physician</i>	<i>OH</i>
I signed because change needs to happen, and I support all the information in this letter.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>UT</i>
I signed because gun violence becoming a major cause of death for children in addition to adults and because gun violence is one risk factor of death and poor mental health we as a society can prevent with appropriate political action.	<i>Medical Student</i>	<i>MO</i>
I signed because I believe it is a physician's role to address the firearm epidemic and advocate for patients.	<i>Medical Student</i>	<i>MI</i>
I signed because I'm tired of fearing being shot while existing on my university campus. I don't want to cry for an hour wondering if my sibling was one of those shot at the fourth of July fireworks show downtown. I'm so angry and depressed over how commonplace gun death headlines are especially for Black and Brown people.	<i>Other</i>	<i>PA</i>
I signed because in my field (neurosurgery) I see so many senseless deaths to young children and young adults because of gun violence. It NEEDS to stop. We need to care about our youth more, especially the black male youth.	<i>Physician Assistant</i>	<i>SC</i>
I signed for all the reasons you wrote. I signed because I am a school RN and by definition a public health practitioner.	<i>Nurse</i>	<i>ME</i>
I signed this petition because gun violence is a MAJOR issue affecting all of our children and as someone who takes care of children every single day, their safety is my top priority!	<i>Physician</i>	<i>NY</i>

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<p>I strongly oppose the ability of anyone being allowed to carry guns (now without any type of oversight in GA) and being able to harm our children / youth or any individual. This is not the environment we need to allow our children to mature in - i.e. to be afraid to go to school or just be outside. Gun safety needs to be reinforced as accidental deaths do occur needlessly. Even though no longer in practice, I never thought I would need a "panic button" in exam rooms!</p>	<p><i>Physician</i></p>	<p>GA</p>
<p>I support the efforts of the medical profession to end gun violence.</p>	<p><i>Physician</i></p>	<p>PA</p>
<p>I take care of penetrating injury victims as a pediatric trauma surgeon.</p>	<p><i>Physician</i></p>	<p>KY</p>
<p>I teach university courses on domestic violence, and gun ownership is a major factor in domestic terrorism, homicide, and familicide.</p>	<p><i>Other</i></p>	<p>NY</p>
<p>I think gun violence is preventable and should never be a threat to the lives of children. I hope actions can be done to protect children to promote their safety.</p>	<p><i>Medical Student</i></p>	<p>OK</p>
<p>I want to advocate for the children of this country to have the right to live and grow in a society where they don't need to fear death or injury by firearm just by going to school or living in their community.</p>	<p><i>Physician</i></p>	<p>NY</p>
<p>I went into pediatric ER because of a sentinel experience as a trainee of a 3-year-old shot in the chest.</p>	<p><i>Physician</i></p>	<p>NY</p>
<p>I witness first-hand the DEVASTATION of children, families, and communities secondary to gun violence and inappropriate access to guns. Our children are dying every hour of every day.</p>	<p><i>Nurse</i></p>	<p>TX</p>
<p>I work as an Administrative Assistant in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of UT. I am also a mother and grandmother. I passionately support this cause on behalf of all children who are living through this gun violence era in the USA.</p>	<p><i>Administrator, Pediatrics Dept, Univ of UT</i></p>	<p>UT</p>
<p>I work in a non-profit organization where I focus on gun safety and injury prevention and have witnessed the direct impact on families, communities and health care providers across the country.</p>	<p>Public Health Practitioner</p>	<p>IL</p>
<p>I would like to join the fight against gun violence as a healthcare provider. It is truly a public health emergency, and it cannot continue this way for the sake of our children and society.</p>	<p><i>Nurse</i></p>	<p>FL</p>
<p>I'm tired of worrying about my daughter dying every time she goes to school or to the park.</p>	<p><i>Nurse Practitioner</i></p>	<p>UT</p>
<p>It is extremely frustrating and disheartening that in a developed nation, our children and staff have to fear for the safety of their livelihoods at school.</p>	<p><i>Nurse</i></p>	<p>WA</p>

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<p>It is inconceivable that we should be scared about sending our children to school, to play on the street, or to public events. The amount of gun violence in America is ridiculous. There should be so many restrictions on acquiring a firearm and ammunition, and the fact there are barely any is disturbing. Making gun violence a health emergency is as important as when COVID was made an emergency. It is simply the right, and only call, to make in this matter.</p>	<i>Medical Student</i>	<i>PR</i>
<p>It is not a matter of if, but when gun violence will strike at school in this time in our country. Rogue governors with no loyalty to children are making things worse. We need to figure out another way to make things change for the better and this could be it.</p>	<i>Nurse</i>	<i>TX</i>
<p>It is the right thing to have my support.</p>	<i>Physician</i>	<i>WV</i>
<p>It is the role of HHS to protect people's health, and gun violence is a leading cause of death for children.</p>	<i>Scientific Researcher</i>	<i>IN</i>
<p>One of the Leading causes of death among adolescents is Homicide</p>	<i>Physician</i>	<i>NY</i>
<p>Our children are the hope and future. We need to allow them the opportunity to grow into responsible productive adults. Fearing for their lives daily will not let this happen.</p>	<i>Nurse</i>	<i>IA</i>
<p>Our children do not feel safe. Mothers are afraid to send their kids out to play in many neighborhoods in America.</p>	<i>Physician</i>	<i>MA</i>
<p>Firearm violence, whether random, neighborhood, or mass shootings, is just as devastating to the "survivors" as those who lose their lives or health. The trauma lives on.</p>		
<p>Our children dying from gun violence is simply unacceptable. We as American families and communities cannot take it anymore and those who stand in the way of progress and reform will be voted out.</p>	<i>Medical Student</i>	<i>CO</i>
<p>Prioritizing the health and safety of our children has not been happening in this country for far too long.</p>	<i>Nurse</i>	<i>CO</i>
<p>Protect our kids in school! The immense mental health impact that school shootings have on our children in a place that is supposed to be safe is catastrophic and lasts a lifetime.</p>	<i>Physician</i>	<i>UT</i>
<p>Protecting children is not only a moral obligation but a critical investment in our future as a Nation.</p>	<i>Public Health Practitioner</i>	<i>NY</i>
<p>Protection of life and health is the job of physicians.</p>	<i>Physician</i>	<i>NC</i>
<p>Reduce preventable deaths from gun violence.</p>	<i>Physician</i>	<i>NY</i>

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Scared for my daughter to start elementary school.	<i>Other</i>	<i>UT</i>
Strongly agree.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>NY</i>
The effects of gun violence, not only mass shootings, but the daily loss of life from poorly secured weaponry and children/adolescents committing suicide.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>NY</i>
The gun violence epidemic in this country is killing my patients and impacting my family.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>CA</i>
The level of gun violence that harms pediatric patients is not acceptable . I feel like it would be irresponsible to not sign this petition.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>NY</i>
The situation of mass shootings/Gun Violence has to change . While there is right to own guns, there is no right to intimidate people with them, threaten people with them, or to kill them. Not to mention that those who interpret the Constitution literally are in complete denial of the difference in killing power of single shot muskets and present day. Automatic weapons used by modern armies. The use of high-capacity magazines should be limited to armed forces; they should not be included as a Constitutional right. This is really a moral issue and not a legal one; it's too bad we don't a U.S. Supreme Court of Morality, but that could be a partisan liability too.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>CA</i>
The violence against children must stop .	<i>Medical Student</i>	<i>IN</i>
There are too many deaths and life altering injuries that occur as a result of broad gun availability with lack of training and background checks and poor conflict resolution skills within our population. The deleterious effects of trauma further impair the health of our population and nation.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>OH</i>
There is no reason why children and individuals should fear going into public . We need to model those countries with gun safety laws to protect our citizens.	<i>Nurse</i>	<i>MN</i>
There was an active shooter at my sister's high school that turned out to be a false alarm. I am hours away from her and all I could think about was her getting hurt and that I may never see her again. Even though it turned out to be false, I cannot imagine what all the kids and their families have experienced when this very real situation happens to them.	<i>Medical Student</i>	<i>IN</i>
This is a critical and timely topic and area of concern.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>FL</i>
This is a major issue currently in America that affects all of us as residents and mothers.	<i>Physician</i>	<i>WV</i>
This is a preventable public health issue that requires more attention.	<i>Medical Student</i>	<i>PA</i>

Health Professional Endorsements



I signed this letter because:

This is an emergency!	<i>Physician</i>	GA
This is an important issue that needs to be talked about more. We need to see changes in policy and definition of gun violence in order to accurately and effectively find a solution to this Health Emergency .	<i>Medical Student</i>	NV
This is an important issue that we as a society, especially in the medical society, need to take seriously and try to make the most impact to stop gun violence.	<i>Medical Student</i>	NY
This is major public health issue that must be addressed.	<i>Physician</i>	CO
This is one of the most important health problems for American children and needs an all-out effort to be addressed.	<i>Physician</i>	NY
Throughout my years in training, I have had the unfortunate privilege of taking care of many children who were victims of gun violence, with wounds ranging from minor to devastating to fatal. No child should have to suffer these injuries and no families should have to endure the grief and anger that surrounds gun violence. Enough is enough.	<i>Physician</i>	NY
To eradicate gun violence .	<i>Other</i>	FL
To help promote positive change to save lives.	<i>Physician</i>	LA
To lessen unnecessary suffering and death.	<i>Physician</i>	IL
To prevent death - prolife for the living.	<i>Physician</i>	NY
To protect children.	<i>Physician</i>	MI