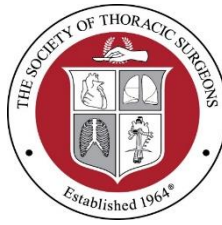


STS Headquarters
633 N Saint Clair St, Suite 2100
Chicago, IL 60611-3658
(312) 202-5800
sts@sts.org



Washington Office
20 F St NW, Suite 310 C
Washington, DC 20001-6702
(202) 787-1230
advocacy@sts.org

May 16, 2023

The Honorable Robert Menendez
United States Senate
528 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable John Boozman
United States Senate
555 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: The Prevent Blood Loss with Emergency Equipment Act

Dear Senators Menendez and Boozman,

On behalf of The Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS), I am pleased to write in support of the reintroduction of the Prevent Blood Loss with Emergency Equipment Devices Act (The Prevent BLEEDing Act). This legislation would provide grant funding to states for bleeding control kits and training that will aid and encourage citizens to take lifesaving action when the need arises.

Founded in 1964, STS is a not-for-profit organization representing more than 7,700 surgeons, researchers, and allied healthcare professionals worldwide who are dedicated to ensuring the best possible outcomes for surgeries of the heart, lungs, and esophagus, as well as other surgical procedures within the chest.

Annually, more than 170,000 Americans die each year¹ from traumatic injuries sustained from vehicle crashes, industrial and farm accidents, shootings, and natural disasters. The most common, preventable cause of these deaths is blood loss, often in the precious minutes before trained first responders arrive. Using the grants provided by this legislation, states, local governments, urban areas, rural areas, and tribal territories may acquire critical anti-blood loss supplies. These life-saving materials will be kept in places where large numbers of people are likely to congregate and, like automated external defibrillators (AEDs), will be clearly marked and accessible. The grants would also allow for training programs that will instruct citizens on how to use the materials properly. Empowering trained individuals to act to control bleeding while waiting for medical professionals will save lives during emergency situations.

Cardiothoracic surgeons frequently treat trauma victims. Unfortunately, by the time these patients reach the hospital, many of them cannot be saved. We hope that this legislation will give victims a better chance of survival and allow them to receive necessary care. Thank you for your leadership on this. Please contact Derek Brandt, Vice President of Government Affairs, at dbrandt@sts.org, or Iain

¹ National Vitals Statistics Reports Vol 70 #8 July 26, 2021
<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr70/nvsr70-08-508.pdf>

Mackay Adams, Government Relations Coordinator, at iadams@sts.org, or should you need additional information or clarification.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Thomas E. MacGillivray". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.

Thomas E. MacGillivray, MD
President