



August 10, 2016

The Honorable Maura Healey

Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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Dear Attorney General Healey,

We are writing to express our strong support and deep appreciation for your continued efforts to prevent the occurrence of gun violence in communities across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. As we serve on the frontlines of responding to this ongoing public health crisis, we continue to be grateful for the vigilance and leadership of our Mayors and local officials, our Congressional delegation, and our state leaders to identify and pursue solutions at every level.

As some of the largest trauma centers in Massachusetts and New England, our physicians, nurses, caregivers, and employees throughout our medical centers have witnessed firsthand the devastating


impact of gun violence on our patients, their families, and our neighborhoods. We work tirelessly to heal the lives shattered by gun violence, to comfort grieving family members, and to respond to the clinical, social, and spiritual needs of our patients. We partner with community leaders, law enforcement, and public officials to identify strategies to prevent additional violence. Our affiliated community health centers and community clinical partners are engaged every day in efforts to prevent and respond to violence in our surrounding communities.

Like our colleagues throughout the nation, we are deeply frustrated and profoundly saddened -- even more so in recent days -- by the catastrophic incidences of gun violence in communities across our country. We are working every day to identify effective violence prevention and intervention programs for the patients and communities we serve, and we recognize that none of us can face this challenge alone.

Please know that we stand ready to collaborate with you, our community leaders, and our public officials to end the proliferation of gun violence in our Commonwealth and the unbearable consequences for communities and families mourning the loss of loved ones.

We look forward to working with you in the coming days and beyond, and again, thank you for your leadership on this crucial public health matter.

Very truly yours,



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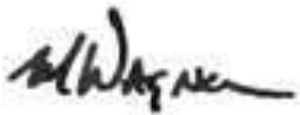
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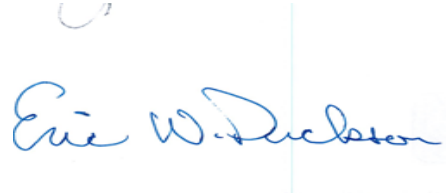
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