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On February 28, 2018, the membership of the Western Trauma Association unanimously voted to release the following resolution:

WESTERN TRAUMA ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION
REGARDING ASSAULT WEAPONS

The Western Trauma Association (WTA) is an organization of physicians and surgeons from multiple medical specialties and all political parties dedicated to the treatment of injured patients. We provide care in academic and private institutions, and education to medical professionals locally and nationally. The WTA is committed to injury prevention and the scientific advancement of the care of victims of trauma.

Since the expiration of the assault weapons ban, there has been an unprecedented increase in gun violence incidents, an increase in gun violence deaths, and a precipitous increase in mass shootings.

The members of the Western Trauma Association support a ban on the sale, transfer, manufacture, and importation of military-style assault weapons, high capacity magazines and “bump” stocks for the civilian population. These weapons are designed for the purposes of killing or severely injuring large numbers of people in combat. They have no place in the hands of civilians. The presence of these weapons in our society endangers the lives of every man, woman and child in the United States.