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The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
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Dear Majority Leader McConnell, Leader Schumer, Speaker Ryan and Leader Pelosi:

On behalf of the more than 80,000 members of the American College of Surgeons (ACS), we would like to express our strong support for the *Pandemic and All Hazards Preparedness and Advancing Innovation Act (PAHPAI)*, H.R. 6378/S. 2852. This legislation incorporates important improvements to trauma care and begins the process for establishing the framework for a trauma system that can fully meet the needs of any disaster and provide the highest-quality health care.

ACS is particularly appreciative of the inclusion of the *Mission Zero Act* (H.R. 880/S. 1022), in the *PAHPAI*. Establishing and maintaining high-quality and adequately-funded trauma systems throughout the United States, including within the Armed Forces, is a critical step toward achieving the goal of zero preventable injury deaths after injury. The *Mission Zero Act* authorizes grant funding to assist civilian trauma centers in partnering with military trauma professionals and creates a pathway to provide patients with excellent trauma care in times of peace and conflict. In addition, this legislation requires utilization of trauma data reporting as a requirement for the grant program. The measuring and recording of data is crucial in advancing not only trauma care, but health care as a whole.

The ACS believes the *PAHPAI* represents significant progress in the process of ensuring that trauma systems, centers, and health care providers are able to meet the needs of all Americans. We thank you for your leadership on this significant legislation and strongly encourage final passage before the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress adjourns.

Sincerely,

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