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Statement on Mass Shootings in Texas and Ohio

Catholic hospitals, like other health care providers in the U.S., see first-hand the suffering that gun violence inflicts on our society. We join in grieving with and praying for those whose loved ones were victims of the mass shootings this past weekend in El Paso, Texas and Dayton, Ohio.

CHA believes the epidemic of gun violence is a critical public safety issue and moral imperative that needs immediate attention. In the wake of these tragedies, CHA again calls on policy makers to take immediate action on common-sense gun safety measures, which should include:

- Requiring every gun buyer to pass a criminal background check,
- Taking military-style assault weapons and high-capacity magazines off the streets.

CHA [supports the “Background Check Expansion Act”](#) and has also called on Congress to allow [funding for research on gun violence](#). We urge Congress and the Administration to come together and work in a bipartisan manner to pass meaningful gun safety legislation.

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