

April 12, 2023

The Honorable Scott Wilk State Senator 1021 O Street, Suite 7140 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB - 868 Pupil safety: trauma kits.

Position: **Support**

Location: Senate Judiciary Committee – Set for hearing on April 18, 2023.

Dear Senator Wilk,

On behalf of the California Association of School Business Officials (CASBO), representing over 24,000 school business leaders in K-14 education, we are pleased to support Senate Bill 868. Over the years, we have seen too many innocent lives lost to gun violence, and mass shootings have become a tragic reality in our schools. While we cannot prevent all mass shootings, we can take steps to mitigate the damage they do.

CASBO supports student safety, and SB 868 ensures that by placing trauma kits in K-12 classrooms, students and staff will have access to the supplies they need to treat injuries and save lives. While not all wounds are fatal, uncontrolled bleeding is extremely deadly. By placing trauma kits where they are most needed, the risk of further unnecessary loss of life may be reduced.

CASBO thanks you for bringing this bill forward. Should you have any questions, please contact Mishaal Gill at mgill@casbo.org

Sincerely,

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