

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – June 24, 2022 – Nemours Children’s Health, one of the nation’s largest pediatric health systems, today applauded Congressional passage of the [“Bipartisan Safer Communities Act”](#). The legislative package was drafted to help make children safer from gun violence by including provisions for mental health services, school safety, and other reforms.

The Children’s Hospital Association (CHA), which represents more than 220 children’s hospitals across the country, endorsed the bill and supports its passage.

“Gun violence is a public health crisis for our children and their families,” said the CHA in a statement. “On the frontlines of pediatric emergency care, children’s hospitals treat children and teens as they heal from the physical and emotional wounds of gun violence.”

“Nemours Children’s is committed to working well beyond medicine, focusing on social determinants of health – including gun violence – and we’re encouraged by today’s passage of the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act,” said R. Lawrence Moss, MD, FACS, FAAP, President & CEO of Nemours Children’s Health. “We believe that investing in children’s health is the single most powerful means to ensure the healthiest generations of children and a better future for our country. Our nation’s elected officials have taken a critical step today in moving us toward a world made safer for children.”

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#### *About Nemours Children’s Health*

*Nemours Children’s Health is one of the nation’s largest multistate pediatric health systems, including two free-standing children’s hospitals and a network of more than 70 primary and specialty care practices.*

*Nemours Children’s seeks to transform the health of children by adopting a holistic health model that utilizes innovative, safe, and high-quality care, while also caring for the health of the whole child beyond medicine.*

*Nemours Children’s also powers the world’s most-visited website for information on the health of children and teens, KidsHealth.org. The Nemours Foundation, established through the legacy and philanthropy of Alfred I. duPont, provides pediatric clinical care, research, education, advocacy, and prevention programs to the children, families and communities it serves.*

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