Whereas, Mass Shootings of innocent victims have become more prevalent in America; and

Whereas, Shooters in such episodes are increasingly using semi-automatic weapons (1 pull of trigger produces one bullet and reloads the chamber, but the next shot requires a 2nd pull of the trigger) and/or weapons altered to make them function in an automatic manner (1 pull of the trigger continuously fires bullets until the trigger is released); and

Whereas, Ownership of fully-automatic weapons (aka “machine guns”), noise suppressors, short barreled rifles, short barreled shotguns as well as explosive devices such as bombs and grenades have been highly restricted in the United States of America since passage of the 1934 National Firearms Act (revised in 1968 and 1986); and

Whereas, A bump stock is a device, available for under $200, that converts a semi-automatic rifle to function like a fully-automatic weapon; and

Whereas, Examples of recent mass shootings that involved either a semi-automatic weapon or a semi-automatic weapon modified to function in an automatic mode include:

- At an elementary school in Newtown, CT, a man armed with a semi-automatic rifle killed 28 people and wounded two others;
- In a movie theater in Aurora, CO, a man armed with a semi-automatic rifle killed 12 people and wounded 58 others;
- At a holiday party in San Bernadino, CA, a man and woman armed with semi-automatic rifles killed 14 people and wounded 20 others;
- At a nightclub in Orlando, FL, a man armed with a semi-automatic rifle killed at least 50 people and wounded 53 others;
- At an outdoor country music festival in Las Vegas, NV, a man armed with a rifle modified with a bump stock killed 59 people and wounded 545 others; and

Whereas, Physicians pledge their careers to saving lives, promoting health, and preventing injury or premature death; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association support legislation that blocks the sale of any device or modification, including but not limited to bump stocks, that functionally converts a firearm into a weapon that mimics fully-automatic operation (New HOD Policy); and be it further

RESOVED, That our AMA support legislation that would ban the sale and/or ownership of high capacity magazines or clips and high-speed-high-destruction rounds. (New HOD Policy)
RELEVANT AMA POLICY

Ban on Handguns and Automatic Repeating Weapons H-145.985
It is the policy of the AMA to: (1) Support interventions pertaining to firearm control, especially those that occur early in the life of the weapon (e.g., at the time of manufacture or importation, as opposed to those involving possession or use). Such interventions should include but not be limited to:
(a) mandatory inclusion of safety devices on all firearms, whether manufactured or imported into the United States, including built-in locks, loading indicators, safety locks on triggers, and increases in the minimum pressure required to pull triggers;
(b) bans on the possession and use of firearms and ammunition by unsupervised youths under the age of 18;
(c) the imposition of significant licensing fees for firearms dealers;
(d) the imposition of federal and state surtaxes on manufacturers, dealers and purchasers of handguns and semiautomatic repeating weapons along with the ammunition used in such firearms, with the attending revenue earmarked as additional revenue for health and law enforcement activities that are directly related to the prevention and control of violence in U.S. society; and
(e) mandatory destruction of any weapons obtained in local buy-back programs.
(2) Support legislation outlawing the Black Talon and other similarly constructed bullets.
(3) Support the right of local jurisdictions to enact firearm regulations that are stricter than those that exist in state statutes and encourage state and local medical societies to evaluate and support local efforts to enact useful controls.