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**MEDIA ADVISORY:
PHYSICIANS AND LAWYERS ISSUE JOINT REPORT ON GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION**

WHAT: Press call for the release of a new collaborative report, *Gun Safety & Public Health: Policy Recommendations for a More Secure America*

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President, National Physicians Alliance

Robyn Thomas
Executive Director, Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence

WHERE: Call in to US Toll Number (530) 881-1212 | Meeting ID 223-694-821

WHEN: Wednesday, September 25, 2013 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM (US/Eastern)

In the aftermath of the tragic mass shooting in the D.C. Navy Yard last week, physicians across the country are asking for solutions to the gunshot trauma they see every day. The National Physicians Alliance and the Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence have collaborated to produce a report identifying evidence-based prevention methods to curb the violence plaguing the nation. Says Dr. Cheryl Bettigole, President of the National Physicians Alliance:

Doctors understand the power of prevention. This report highlights substantive public health research demonstrating there is far more that can be done to protect our patients and communities. Harm comes from inaction. Public health solutions helped make cars safer by pressing for seat belts and air bags. The research is clear, public health solutions applied to gun violence will help all of us live in a more secure America. We know what needs to be done. It's time for action.

Gun Safety & Public Health: Policy Recommendations for a More Secure America provides the medical community and the public with in-depth research and legal analysis. As Robyn Thomas, Executive Director of the Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence, says:

The medical community sees the pain and damage caused by gun violence every day. Physicians understand that prevention is necessary to stem the violence that plagues our nation's cities and towns. The extensive data and research catalogued in this report provide real solutions to the violence in our communities. Broader knowledge of this work will have direct and lasting impact on the prevention of violence in America.

As noted in our report, solutions to our nation's epidemic of gun violence do exist. Gun violence may not be altogether "curable," but it is often preventable. We will continue to research the smartest legal solutions to this epidemic to keep our families safe from the constant threat of gun violence.

For an embargoed copy of the report or more information, please contact:

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The National Physicians Alliance is a non-partisan, 501(c)3 organization. The NPA creates research and education programs that promote health and foster active engagement of physicians with their communities to achieve high quality, affordable health care for all.

The NPA offers a professional home to physicians across medical specialties who share a commitment to professional integrity and health justice. Believing that the best way to win public trust is to earn it, the organization accepts no funding from pharmaceutical or medical device companies.

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Media interviews with physicians can be arranged in the following locations:

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Hamden, CT
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Chicago, IL
Boston, MA

Baltimore, MD
Portland, ME
Morristown, NJ
New York, NY
Richmond, VA
Cleveland, OH
Philadelphia, PA

Helotes, TX
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Alexandria, VA
Seattle, WA
Milwaukee, WI

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The Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence is available to answer questions about gun laws across the country as well as strategies to reduce gun violence nationwide. Founded by lawyers after an assault weapon massacre at a San Francisco law firm in 1993, the Law Center is the only national law center focused on providing comprehensive legal analysis and expertise in support of gun violence prevention.

The Law Center continues to advise and support legislators and local officials in California and other states as the organization has done since 1993. Since the tragedy in Newtown, the Law Center's legal team has provided legal research and drafting support to the White House, Congress, and 24 states looking to strengthen the state's gun laws.

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