

This weekend, students from across the nation will travel to Washington to march against gun violence. We, the leaders of our region's institutions of higher education, stand with these young people in calling for common sense solutions.

School shootings and gun violence are far too prevalent in the United States, affecting many communities across our nation, including institutions of higher education. We take seriously our responsibility to provide a secure setting at which our students can flourish.

Just as institutions of higher education are affected by gun violence, we can be part of the solution. Our institutions produce important research that saves lives and we help develop students who can articulately and forcefully advocate for change at the local, state, and federal level.

No student, regardless of race, income, or zip code, should live in fear of gun violence. We call for our elected leaders to act now.

We recognize that the young people who are marching this weekend may be further developing their talents at our institutions in the coming years. *We wish you a safe, productive visit to our region, we stand with you, and thank you for making your voices heard.*

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