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NHMA Physicians and Partners Organize Policy Forum Against Gun Violence, Advocate for Urgent Common Sense Gun Reform

In just the first month of 2023, the United States has already suffered [over 50 mass shootings](#) — a staggering figure that sadly reaffirms the epidemic of gun violence as a public health crisis requiring urgent action by federal and state officials.

In response to unfettered gun violence in the U.S., the National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA) adamantly renews its calls for the enactment of widely popular, bipartisan, and common sense gun reform measures.

Our country’s leaders must swiftly address the tragic cycle of preventable harm that continues to plague the health and safety of our communities, which often [disproportionately affects Latino people](#) and communities of color. NHMA recognizes that physicians and health professionals serve on the frontlines of the tragic reality of gun violence and play a crucial role in highlighting the gravity of this crisis.

On January 26, 2023, the NHMA Texas Chapter and our partner Texas Doctors for Social Responsibility (TDSR) [hosted their fifth annual public health policy forum](#), ‘Gun Violence: A Preventable Public Health Epidemic.’ NHMA applauds NHMA Board Member and Texas Chapter Co-Chair Dr. Bert Johansson as well as Texas Chapter Co-Chair and TDSR President and Board Chair Dr. Jaime Estrada for convening health experts, public officials, and community leaders for a powerful discussion on advancing collective action.

“We commend our physicians and valued partners for their leadership and we support ongoing advocacy to pass long overdue national and local gun control laws that are proven to save lives.”
- **Dr. Elena Rios, NHMA President and CEO**

NHMA stands committed to empowering our physician network and working alongside partners and officials to realize change and protect our communities. We must honor the victims of gun violence through federal action.

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