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Statement on Pending Campus Carry Law
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As members of the department of Kinesiology and Health Education we strive to improve the health of our nation via research, teaching, and community engagement. Gun violence is a public health issue. We therefore feel it is important to comment on the implementation of SB11, the campus carry legislation allowing concealed handgun license holders to bring guns into our offices, classrooms, and other campus buildings. Evidence overwhelmingly indicates that more guns lead to more gun deaths and do not lead to reduced crime rates. As educators, we strive to build an environment conducive to the free exchange of ideas, particularly in our classrooms and offices. We believe that the potential of guns in these spaces will hamper open dialogue and stifle the learning process. As professionals devoted to improving the health of individuals and of the nation, we feel we must start at home by advocating for the health and well-being of our students and colleagues by opposing campus carry.

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