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Title: Ban Guns in Historically Off-Limit Areas  
Introduced by: Cheryl Farmer, MD, for the Washtenaw County Delegation  
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Referred to: Reference Committee D  
House Action: **APPROVE**

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Whereas, gun violence is a public health crisis that surpasses auto accident deaths in Michigan and as such causes both physical and monetary losses to the state, and

Whereas, physician leaders have been calling for the reduction of gun deaths for many years, and

Whereas, MSMS has historically been a leader in opposition to the liberalization of concealed gun laws through its Resolution 18-98A and,

Whereas, in September 2015, the Washtenaw County Medical Society Executive Council, endorsed by their leadership on their behalf, voted to have a strong voice against allowing guns in historically off-limit areas such as schools, campuses, hospitals, health centers, and bars, and

Whereas, the lack of guns in these historically off-limit areas has created so-called safe havens where there have been few deaths and students have felt safe to study and learn, and

Whereas, studies show that a child is 50 times more likely to be killed away from school than at school, and

Whereas, many campuses strongly prohibit guns, and

Whereas, college students in these safe spaces were less likely to cause their own deaths when facing emotional turmoil, and

Whereas, many Michigan hospitals and clinics expressly prohibit guns in their buildings either concealed or open carry by the public, and

Whereas, alcohol is associated with more gun deaths and guns in bars create a “perfect storm” of persons who are not totally in control of their responses and a weapon of instant destruction; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS, pursuant to existing policy in opposition to the liberalization of concealed gun laws (Resolution 18-98A), strongly lobby to ban guns in historically off-limit areas

48 such as schools, campuses, hospitals, health centers, and bars, except by persons who are on  
49 active duty law enforcement or those expressly hired to enforce safety by the authority of the  
50 stated place.

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53 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**

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