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From the OFFICE OF THE DEAN

Dear Einstein Community:

Today is Gun Violence Awareness Day, when those of us who wish to end gun violence are encouraged to come together and speak out about our concerns, as well as to learn about other actions we can take to make our nation safer. Unfortunately, due to recent events, we are all too aware that gun violence is a deadly and disturbing sickness in the United States.

During Wednesday's senate meeting, I again addressed how appalling and unconscionable it is that we don't have sensible gun laws in this country. Thankfully, our leadership in Albany recently took measures to strengthen or enact laws that can make us safer, but much more still needs to be done.

Today and throughout the weekend, the wearing of orange is encouraged to show support for reasonable gun regulations that protect and prioritize the lives of all Americans. We need to make clear to our local and national legislators that enough is enough—it's long past time for meaningful action. Their time to do something is now and we won't settle for less.

A Beacon Among Us

While the trauma caused by gun violence is devastating, there are individuals in our midst taking steps to address it. As I mentioned in a February message, our own faculty member and alumnus Noé Romo, M.D., (class of 2008) oversees a program at Jacobi called Stand Up to Violence (SUV). Noé will be heading an [SUV Peace Walk](#) on **Thursday, June 16, at 5:30 p.m.** Please check the link above for additional information if you're interested in participating.

Also, watch for further details later this summer about a program or event I intend to hold with Noé and other colleagues who deal directly with the effects of gun violence, along with individuals who have experienced—themselves or through loved ones—the damage and suffering it causes.

In confronting this public health imperative, we must all aim to be part of the solution. I also welcome your thoughts and input on steps we can take.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Tomaselli', with a stylized, flowing script.

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