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## **Elite legal organization backs assault weapon ban, student protests**

**Austin, Texas** – The International Academy of Trial Lawyers this week adopted a resolution supporting an assault weapons ban and endorsing protests aimed at ending gun violence in communities and schools.

The Academy's board unanimously approved the resolution March 21, citing its interest in maintaining a civil society. The resolution said:

*We, as an Academy, believe all assault weapons and high capacity magazines should be banned. The Academy also gives its undisputed support for the protests going on around the United States, including the March for Our Lives events, which demand that safety become a priority and that we end gun violence in our schools and communities.*

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