

As individuals and as citizens of the world, we are each affected by the senseless acts of violence that unfolded this week in our home state of Texas and in Ohio.

Many members of our UT Southwestern community are from El Paso or have close ties to family and friends there, connecting us directly with this tragedy. We also mourn those lost in Dayton. Though further from our own borders, the events are no less devastating, and may touch individuals here on campus of whom we may not be aware. To each of you, we extend our sympathy.

Our thoughts are similarly with our colleagues in the medical field who responded to the immediate needs of the victims and continue to care for those who were injured. We know it is a difficult role, and one that requires mental fortitude as well as exceptional clinical skills.

If you have been affected by this or any tragedy, and need to talk to someone in a private, professional manner, know that help is available from Student Wellness and Counseling at 214-645-8680. This service is completely confidential.

Please join us in keeping those touched by these events in our thoughts during this most difficult time.

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