Testimony in Support of:

House Bill 7213: Ethan’s Law, An Act Concerning the Safe Storage of Firearms in the Home

Submitted by:

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Dear Sen. Hwang & Rep. Bolinsky and all member of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Jennifer Belcolore-Arguello and I live in Sandy Hook, CT. I am writing you in strong support of Ethan’s Law, H.B. 7218.

As a parent of two survivors of the Sandy Hook School shooting, I believe strongly in passing common sense laws that will make cohabitating with guns safer for everyone. H.B. 7218 is one of those laws. Ethan’s Law strengthens Connecticut’s safe storage requirements and it just makes sense.

On January 31st, 2018, I learned that my employer’s son was fatally shot. I could not keep all the emotions and sickening nausea from flooding my mind and body. “How is it that I was again so close to a tragedy involving children and guns?”, was one of the many questions that flew through my mind, as I was crippled imagining the horror that The Songs were living. Unfortunately, I came to the realization that this is not so uncommon and we should all feel the weight of responsibility to take action and prevent gun violence. Ethan Song’s death was preventable and passing H.B. 7218 is 1 step in preventing future unnecessary loss of life. We owe it to our children and our children’s children.

I urge you to support House Bill 7218 so that the people and especially our kids of the great state of Connecticut, can live safer and therefore longer lives.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Belcolore-Arguello