We wanted to provide testimony for Ethan’s Law. Ethan Song could be any child, it could be my child or yours. What happened to Ethan could happen to anyone, adults included. What is shocking to us, is that the owner of the gun that killed Ethan Song, failed to keep that gun safely secured with children in his house. Children that did not live there, and did not have any training about firearms. How is it possible that without proof of who loaded a firearm, that the gun owner is not responsible in Ethan’s death. Anyone could merely say the gun was unlocked. To store the bullets with the gun in an ordinary storage container that most moms purchase at Walmart, is reckless and just plain stupid.

Ethan didn’t have a chance. The gun-owner held all the cards, and is now letting his own 14 year old son take responsibility for this tragic event.

With so few guns laws to protect our children, our mothers, our fathers, ourselves, and with so much violence there has to be some accountability. In this case the guns were stored with the ammunition unlocked in a tote. The same type of totes that parents store toys or sports equipment.

Lastly, you may not have known Ethan, or the Song Family. It has touched our community so deeply because of the carelessness that has caused this sweet young boy to no longer be here on this Earth. It has forever shattered a family, friends and a community is forever changed, all because this gun owner failed to safely secure his guns in his home with children visiting his home.

If Americans are held accountable for, driving drunk, speeding, seat belts for your kids, car seats for your children. They have locks on medications to protect children, but not on storing guns around children. So Americans could be held accountable if their child is injured or killed in a car without a car seat, but a gun-owner is not held responsible if a child, or adult is shot accidentally with it. With guns and bullets that was left out like a toy, or a sports equipment. There are many simple ways to safely store a gun, and still have quick access.
There are children dying everyday with Ethan, and there will be more until we realize that these WEAPONS need to be secured like WEAPONS, not toys, not sports equipment, not money under the mattress, not eye glasses in a night stand. If guns are meant to protect Americans, why are they killing so many.

Sincerely,

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