Testimony in Support of HB-7218, HB-7223.

When I read the story about Ethan Song in Guilford (incident/death on January 31, 2018), I was reminded of my own incident. I raised my 3 sons in Guilford and we lived there for 28 years. My middle son was in 5th grade and had gone to a new friend’s house. When I went to pick him up, the friend’s Mom said “I don’t know if your son told you, but he is fine.” I had no idea what she was saying. The 2 boys were playing with a BB gun. Her son pointed it at my son and just missed hitting his eye. I then asked if the family also had regular guns and she answered “yes”.

When I drove my son home I told him he would never play with that boy again. He was very upset but I said I could not live with myself if anything happened to him. (I reminded him that there were several moms that drank and I did not allow him to be driven by these mothers.) From then on I would ask any of the parents about having guns at their homes. But really- that should have been revealed to me if my child was at their home. And parents that are lax in their storage of guns- that is just ridiculous.

Ethan’s death destroyed 2 families. And it could have been so easily prevented. My heart aches for the Song family. Please support these bills so that kids can’t get their hands on guns.

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