My name is James Lee, and I am a resident of Sandy Hook, Conn. I am submitting this testimony as a supporter of Sandy Hook Promise. As your constituent – and as a supporter of Sandy Hook Promise – I urge you to support H.B. 7218 (“Ethan’s Law”) as it moves through the legislature.

Named for Ethan Song, who lost his life in 2018, Ethan’s Law would fix a loophole in current law, which states that criminal liability can only be imposed if a gun is stored loaded. Ethan’s Law would close this loophole by clarifying that the law also applies to unloaded guns. Ethan’s Law further extends these protections to all children by changing the definition of minor, from children 16 and younger to children 18 and younger.

By closing this loophole and expanding the definition of liability, Ethan’s Law makes it clear that safe storage is a crucial component of gun violence prevention.

As a supporter of Sandy Hook Promise, I am committed to stopping gun violence BEFORE it happens again. Ethan’s Law is a step toward more comprehensive safe storage requirements and moves us closer to achieving safety for all.

I ask that you please support Ethan’s Law as it moves forward.

Sincerely,

James Lee, Sandy Hook, CT