Testimony in support of Bill #HB 7218 An Act Concerning Safe Storage of Firearms

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To: Distinguished members of the Joint Committee on Judiciary;

I’m writing this testimonial in strong support of Bill #HB 7218, an act concerning the safe storage of firearms.

As a parent, grandparent and community member I feel strongly that adults bear the responsibility to provide safety for their families and their community. We accept responsibility to provide safe food, water and shelter. To provide safe transportation of our children in our cars and to provide them with equipment to protect them in sporting competitions. It is also the responsibility of adults who own firearms to safely store them and protect our children from unsupervised access to these weapons.

As a society we have established laws that both allow individual freedom and provide safety for the larger good. As an American I am free to enjoy life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness but am restricted from infringing on the rights of others. In other words, we have laws to protect us from hurting each other.

We as citizens expect our elected legislators to be the enactors of societal boundaries that protect both our freedoms and our safety. This simple law to provide safe storage of firearms is one of the ways we support individual rights while also ensuring the safety of others.

In conclusion I want to thank the members of the Judiciary committee for hearing my testimony in support of bill #HB 7218, an act concerning the safe storage of firearms.

Sincerely,
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