Dear Joint Committee on Judiciary-

I am writing to support HB 7218, Ethan's Law. I have seen first hand the devastation that leaving an unsecured firearm within the reach of children can do to a family and a community. Ethan Song is the son of our very dear friend's Mike and Kristin Song. Ethan was killed while playing with an unsecured firearm at friends house. If such firearm had been stored correctly, Ethan would still be with us today. As adults there are countless number of things we do to protect our children and keep them safe such as locking up medications, locking up alcohol, wearing seatbelts, etc. Locking up firearms should be no different. This is a relatively simple solution that would potentially save thousands of lives. Keep your guns, but please store them securely, loaded or unloaded and out of the hands of children.

Thank you!

-Gretchen Toussaint
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