Testimony in support of House Bill 7218 - An Act Concerning the Safe Storage of Firearms in the Home.

I am writing to express my support of HB 7218 – known to me as Ethan’s law. I support the law for Ethan, and to support his friend, as well, who now faces charges in his death. Both boys were known to me when they were in middle school, and this tragedy should never have happened had there been proper storage of firearms. Ethan was full of life and had a bright future ahead of him. He was a compassionate and kind teen, enjoying his freshman year of high school. His friend was equally full of promise, enjoying his friends and school, also. They both were young teens still developing, still learning about making good decisions, still navigating adolescence, and should not have had any access to firearms in the home. Had firearms been properly stored and secured, this nightmare for the families, friends, and our community would never have happened. Please do more to protect minors when there are firearms in the home. Safe storage is attainable, and senseless deaths do not need to happen again.

Respectfully submitted,

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