

My name is Darcy Hicks and I am writing in support of HB 7218, H.B. 7219, H.B. 7223, and H.B. 60.

Look at the people in the room with you today as you consider these bills. There are people making a lot of noise about freedom and the right to carry. They are loud, and angry. That is fear you see. They may say it is fear of losing their "freedom," but it is, in fact, fear of feeling powerless against other people with guns. There is an easier way to quell their anger.

Now look at the other people: the ones in orange shirts, and green shirts, and red Moms Demand Action shirts. They have faces that sag with the weight of a lost child, brother, sister, mother, father, or friend. They are quieter, but they are not afraid. They've already lived through their worst fear. I am asking you to do what you know you can do today, if you can cut through the noise. Just act. Remember what is at stake.

I am a mother. I am a teacher. And I vote for people who care about saving lives.