

I am a Sophomore in high school.

Going to school sometimes made me fear for my life. I was afraid of the possibility that a gunman would end my life early, my education, and the career I have yet to start. School is a place for safety, for learning, and growing. Students should be worrying about being to school on time, finals, which classes to choose, friends, or about dances. Instead, we are scared to walk in the building. Students at my school skip assemblies because they are afraid of a school shooting. They choose to walk from one side of the building to another just to use a bathroom that seems safer. Each year we must practice lockdown drills in case of a break in or a potential school shooting. The fact that we must take time out of our school day to practice this saddens me.

I urge you to support HB 2510, this bill will save lives. It will prevent the loss of your family and friends, the mental health of the children and the community they live in. It will protect us. The requirement of keeping firearms under lock and key does not impede on the second amendment. Our state needs, and is long overdue, to have sensible gun legislation. Too many lives have been cut short because of an accidental shooting. Enough is enough. It is time to end the gun violence epidemic in America. Let me go to school and feel safe!