

I submit testimony in support of SB554. I am a mother. I am retired from years of work with families and children. My family lost a member who committed suicide by firearm.

More than 50% of gun owners do not lock all of their firearms(Murrow, S - John Hopkins University). Every year nearly, 350 children under 18 gain access to firearms resulting in unintentional shooting of themselves or others. This can change. Locking firearms seems a common sense action to protect everyone's right to safety in their lives. And please support local control of gun safety decisions to meet the needs of individual communities.

Thank you,

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