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On Behalf Of:  
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Chair Prozanski and Members of the Committee:

I am writing today in support of SB 1503, the Task Force bill on gun violence prevention and firearm suicide prevention.

I am a community member who has a nephew who died by suicide using a gun so this bill is very important to me.

We are suffering from an epidemic of gun violence. There is really no reason why we should tolerate it. We claim that the United States is the best country in the world yet we can not protect our own citizens from this crazyness.

I strongly support the SB1503, Task Force bill, and urge the Task Force to prioritize prevention efforts that are centered around those most impacted by gun deaths and shootings, as well as firearm suicides. I urge the Task Force to analyze and prioritize ongoing, sustainable funding for efforts for prevention work that is making the most meaningful, equitable impact, both for homicide and suicide prevention.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony on this issue.

Sincerely,

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