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I write in support of HP 2774. Few of you will remember the name David Brame, but you may remember the circumstances of his death. He was the chief of police in Tacoma. In 2003, he used his service revolver to murder his wife and commit suicide in front of their children in a parking lot during a scheduled visitation exchange. I remember him because a friend and former colleague of mine had tried to persuade the authorities to put Brame on leave and take away his gun not long before.

The tragic confluence of an acrimonious divorce, an unstable parent, and firearms played out again last month in New Orleans where a father shot his wife and children. I don't know how many such deaths have occurred in between. But I do know a parent does not need a firearm to see his children.

You have the opportunity to do what my friend could not, prevent such a tragedy. You will never know whose lives you save, but you will know they are out there. Please pass H B 2774.

Respectfully submitted,
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