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Good morning.

I am a founding member of Citizens' Coalition for Social Justice and a peaceful supporter of further gun regulation to protect those who are vulnerable to gun violence. These two bills are intended to diminish the likelihood of domestic violence such as that which occurred last week when an estranged husband of a teacher entered an elementary school and killed both his wife and the 8 year old boy near her, injuring a second child.

The very thought that we have people with guns entering our schools should cause everyone to feel cognitive dissonance. Reason tells us that guns are opportunistic weapons, and that if they were not so easily available we might be able to save lives.

Having grown up in a violent environment I know that had guns been available they would have been used, much as other forms of physical violence, mercifully non-fatal, were used.

The very presence at the Capitol of armed citizens causes me to stay away rather than to testify tomorrow. The sight of guns is itself intimidating. These armed citizens are not there as hunters, and their presence is menacing.

Please consider this as testimony and I ask it be entered into the record.

Sincerely,

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