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Dear Senate Education Committee Members,

I am writing to you this evening in regards to SB801. The safety and wellbeing of our children should be of the utmost importance. We teach our children fire safety, we teach them what to do if they come across a down power line, we teach them what to do in the event of an earthquake and we teach them about stranger danger. We teach them all of these things to keep them safe. We absolutely should train them on what to do should they come across a firearm. I remember a story from a while back about two young boys who discovered a loaded handgun near some bushes outside of business as they walked past on their way to school. Fortunately, these boys did the right thing. I want all children to know what to do in situations like this. It makes sense and it is the right approach. I urge you to take the appropriate step and vote yes on SB801 to give our children the knowledge that is needed to help keep them safe.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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