

Submitter: Kendra Nguyen
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure: HB2007

As a pediatrician I have had many professional and personal experiences with gun violence in our pediatric population. Guns are now the leading cause of death of children in the US, recently surpassing motor vehicle accidents. Evidence consistently shows that there is an increased risk in firearm related homicide if there are firearms present. This means that if there are guns present, no matter who is carrying them, everyone in the vicinity of that firearm is at an increased risk of firearm homicide. The safety of the community is the responsibility of local governments, and their ability to regulate where guns may be present is vital to being able to ensure this. As a society let us show that the lives of our children and our neighbors are truly what matters most.