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Honorable members of the Judiciary Committee:

Thank you for recognizing the enormous safety issue of firearms storage. How often must we hear of toddlers and children grabbing unsecured firearms? How do we insure that a temporarily distraught teen can be safe until that feeling passes? (Reminder that gun deaths, particularly by suicide, are the leading cause of pediatric deaths now.). How do we insure that visitors, friends, neighbors, intruders cannot access firearms readily?

Thank you for your concern about the safety of your constituents. Deborah Patten MD FAAP Pediatrician Bath ME