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Ehrlick, Stacy	Broomfield	0	<p>We need to become a village again and provide resources and tools both mentally and physically for our children. The mental can include hotlines that kids can call (similar to SafeToTell) or chat with, teaching sociology in some fashion to help educate how to interact with others and help create stronger values to life individually and with others. It is unfortunate that more of our children believe that the way to resolve low/confused self esteem is to end their life or to resolve conflict with others is to end other lives. Educating and providing resources for parents as well is important. This can be something as simple as a web link for parents to go see that includes links to resources whether that be counseling, Love and Logic, hotlines, Q&A, books, etc. some parents don't know what to do or where to go or how to address certain situations and so they turn their head or close their eyes. It's not just the school's responsibility or just the parents responsibility, it is OUR responsibility to help protect and create safe environments for our children. We can put steel walls up in the schools but it is only a cover and those children who are in turmoil will continue to be in turmoil and will go into society and just do what they would have done at the school. We have to stop pushing things under the rug or looking the other way whether that is a parent or parents or the schools. Making resources available does not infringe on how a parent wants to raise their child or the state/government dictating anything. Providing resources and tools for mental health is just that, tools and resources that provides awareness that no one is alone and there is help out there.</p>
Blitstein, Linda	Aurora	0	<p>Follow Southwestern high school in Indiana. We must protect our schools. And they are the safest school in America</p>
Gilbert, Darrin	Franktown	Guardian Group	<p>Changes can happen and more can be done.</p> <p>These tragedies are a war of seconds. The amount of harm that can be done with an assault rifle in a school remains untold. We are addressing many important matters that will hopefully avoid tragedies before they happen.</p> <p>That is an incomplete plan. The plan must contemplate the worst and describe a course of action to address it.</p> <p>Best case scenario, you have an armed SRO on site. Great, that's a deterrent in the first place.</p> <p>Now what? Bullets bouncing down concrete hallways, blowing through drywall, friendly fire?</p> <p>THE ONLY SHOT in a school environment should be 7 feet or less. If it's my kids, my wife, my friends; the emphasis is on LESS. How are you going to get that shot? That's the part that's missing.</p> <p>The tool is a ballistic shield, with a two handed handling system and blinding LED strobe. It didn't exist, I had to create it. The tactic, get as close as you can as fast as you can. Even if someone is shooting at you. Use blinding 2,500 lumen flashing strobe light to disorient the shooter and close the distance to terminate the threat. My proposal would involve multiple shields, depending on the size of the school.</p> <p>Depending on the configuration, one shield would be approximately \$2,000.</p> <p>The war is truly about seconds. I would welcome the opportunity to demonstrate this critical element of emergency planning.</p> <p>V/R Darrin Gilbert 303-717-3750</p>
Tovar, Kristi	Parker	0	<p>I would like to see metal detectors at schools</p>

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Esten, Kimberly	Thornton	0	<p>1. Psych staff at each school. 2. Protocol for at risk children if they show signs of mental illness. 3. Better bullying protocols, being more pro active less reactive. 4. Follow reinforcement of building safety protocol from Indiana's safest school in America. Reinforce walls and doors, metal detectors at the doors like casinos or fed buildings, remote door locks, personal safety courses and awareness assemblies, gun safety classes and licensing for youth, ie hunting, my son, was bullied, then raped by football team, told the coach, who never reported, causing a dangerous response towards the boys who raped him, he was put in day treatment, nothing happened to these kids, I spent five years undoing the PTSD, the depression and fear to get this kid graduated, and functioning, there has been zero accountability to those in charge, so placing a community watch dog group over officials in charge to hold them accountable is a good start as well. Do not let our kids out in this dangerous world in prepared, love them through growing pains, provide safe healthy after school stuff to keep them participating in community, like planting trees or community gardens, offer them programs to get work and trade experience, Colorado has failed it's children, we must do better, to produce better adults. Thank you for hearing my statement, and I pray you will consider Indiana's model for safety and you come up with better team building ideas to counter bully mentality and sickness.</p>
Andrews, Tyler	Colorado Springs	0	<p>It is my opinion that all teachers should be able to conceal Carry and be trained in home defense with a firearm. That is the safest and most effective way to prevent or stop a school shooting.</p>
McDonald, Katie	Denver	0	<p>I feel that children need to be aware of the dangers but in a developmentally appropriate way. As an example my first grader believes a lock down drill is when you have to be quiet and hide because a coyote has found it's way into the building from a neighboring field. I am don't think first graders need to know everything but lying to them is not okay. Schools should have parent & child assemblies so that the issue can be addressed and parents know exactly what is being told to our children so that we can reinforce that idea at home as well. Providing a united front will make the children feel more protected than avoiding the issue or blaming it on a wild animal.</p>

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<p>Gnome, Craig</p> <p>Denver</p> <p>0</p>	<p>If you really want the public's help, try letting people post suggestions without taking their personal information and let them post anonymously.</p> <p>GATHER DATA AND EVALUATE IT</p> <p>Gather extensive data on the people who have done school shootings, those who have planned school shootings, and those who idolize school shootings to find their motivations. What are the similarities between them? Were they bullied? Outcast? Abused or neglected at home? Depersonalized? Are there common demographics or geography which are statistically significant? Did the majority have direct access to a firearm in the home? What were the person's hobbies, interests, and thoughts? Were they angry and if so why? Did they exhibit mental health issues? What was the environment and culture they experienced? What role did their parents play? For example, Austin Sigg killed and dismembered Jessica Ridgeway when he was 17 years old. He had been tagged as having an internet porn addiction at 12 which escalated into violence. The parents were advised to remove computer access from him and they didn't (not trying to blame them - just pointing that out). BTW, everyone blames the guns but I'm pretty sure that without guns, people like this will resort to other means. Not that I'm a gun hugger but guns are just a means to an end and nobody wants to acknowledge that. Two of the biggest mass killings in this country were done with bombs (OKC) and airplanes (9-11).</p> <p>LIMIT MEDIA ATTENTION</p> <p>The media gloms onto the shooting stories. Even when the media doesn't mention the shooter's name, they still show that one person can have a significantly negative impact on other people's lives. I imagine when a shooter feels like life is unfair and they see other people getting better treatment, they get angry and lash out. Why are these people lashing out this strongly? Most school shooters are young and dealing with hormone influxes and strong feelings. TV glorifies fame. If they realize they'll never be famous, will they settle for infamous? It's like a contest now to see how many people your plan can take out before you die by cop. Not to be insensitive but the media resurrects stories. Like Columbine anniversaries. How many people knew it was the 20th anniversary of Columbine? The people who were directly affected will never forget but the public has short memories and it just reminds shooters that there is a way to go out in a big way.</p> <p>CREATE LEGISLATION LIKE EUROPE WHERE GOOGLE ET AL MUST DELETE DATA AT A PERSON'S REQUEST</p>
<p>Gnome, Craig (cont.)</p>	<p>The internet is permanent. People can shame other students and it will never leave the internet. There are so many databases with our information that it is hard to get away from being type-cast as a "loser", "weirdo", etc and because of the internet they don't believe they can escape the label. To a teenager, everything feels urgent and permanent.</p> <p>FIND A WAY TO GET HONESTY TO CREATE A PREVENTION PLAN</p> <p>This behavior is formulaic in my opinion. Just to throw it out there since someone might hear me, I think Austin Sigg holds the key to why some people become serial killers. His behavior progressed very rapidly and at a young age. If the state could have granted him the ability to talk to researchers without legal consequences then he might have been forthcoming with the information he has. I'm not saying he shouldn't then go on to face a trial. He definitely belongs in prison. It just seems we as a society are so quick to get vengeance that we don't realize the missed opportunity to get honest answers. We can have both answers and justice if it is handled correctly! I just think people are put on the defensive right away and they go into self-preservation mode where they clam up. We can't solve problems if we don't know what they are. Maybe Austin still has a chance to make his life worth something by helping researchers find some answers.</p> <p>My email is real so please don't publish it.</p>

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Bielecki, Annie	Denver	0	Please be prudent in your safety response in schools. I want my kids safe, but not at the expense of creating a police state within our schools. I would like to see police officers and ESPECIALLY armed police officers kept to a minimum and kept as much out of sight of our children as possible. My 7-year-old does not need to grow up in a world thinking that a cop armed with an AR-15 is something that is normal in his school hallways. Thanks for your time and consideration.
LaPorte, Chris	Brush	0	We need to make things harder for these individuals to commit these crimes. It starts with the school properly reporting suspicious activity and behavior. These students then need to be removed and given some help. The mental health issues in this country are terrible, and there isn't a lot of resources for these kids. The other thing we need to do is harden soft targets. Schools should be locked down, have good metal detectors and a security system. They also several armed highly trained people present at all times. If there area teachers willing to be trained, let them carry as well. Some gun control measures can work in some situations. Strict punishments will also help. Regulating what are youth can see and watch will be a big part as well. We need more controls on video games, internet, and movies. This desensitization of our youth is a huge part of this. Enforcement of red flag laws will also help, however it is of up most importance to have due process in these cases. Lastly, gun free zones don't work. Most of these killers pick these places because they know they will not have resistance in these places. Let good people carry concealed. Make sure CCW carriers are held to a standard of training.
Fatta, Eva	Pueblo	0	I think schools would be much safer if there were limited entrances with armed security, also if the community would come together to report all crisis incidents or have an immediate action plan or intervention for problematic children, then communication can possibly prevent such incidences...cameras, drills, and educating students and teachers is key. Making safety a priority in school is almost a serious job as securing a supermax prison. The kids are there to learn , so maybe someday weapon or metal detectors would help.

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<p>Principe. Professor Lou</p> <p>Pueblo</p> <p>The Principe Foundation</p>	<p>TOMORROW NIGHT Rawlings Bret Kelly Room A (1st FL) in Rawlings 8/21/2019 - 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM</p> <p>LOOKING FOR INSTRUCTORS TO TEACH THE HOMELESS - RECEIVE THOUSANDS IN WORKFORCE TRAINING GRANTS Integrating the Homeless into Society with Proven Documented Results! "Success is measured by the service you render and the character of citizen you make rather than by the amount of money you amass." Jesse H. Jones</p> <p>Executive Summary: For the past seventeen years, the Principe Foundation, Inc. has earned an outstanding reputation providing the homeless with a healthy transition into society. The State of Florida's evaluation of the Principe Program in Florida State Prison documented a 37% increase of knowledge with a 95% approval rate in people who have successfully completed the Program. In addition, the recidivism rate decreased by 50% in the inmates who graduated from the program. This is because we pick them up at the gate, house them, and have jobs waiting for them before they are released.</p> <p>Our training program is a documented proven, program that enjoys a record of success. It has been taught at The Anthony House, Central Florida Reception Center, – State of Florida Prison, Seminole County Jail, Orange County Jail, Central Florida Employment Center, aka, Christian Help, A.T.& T., I.B.M., The University of Central Florida, The University of North Florida, The University of South Florida, Brigham Young University, and numerous other Fortune 500 Companies.</p> <p>Lou, a Psychological Educator, has created and delivered a Self-Image Psychology Program and taught it at several universities that teach people how to increase their self-worth and achieve superior human communications, which once applied, brings about an almost immediate increase in productivity. The programs are constantly monitored and adjusted to all levels and learning patterns.</p> <p>The Principe Foundation has been providing comprehensive services for homeless men, women and children in Central Florida and Mobile, Alabama. In Mobile, Alabama, we were able to obtain a 131-room Ramada Inn with \$100 under an option contract in which we housed and trained the homeless.</p>
<p>Principe. Professor Lou (cont.)</p>	<p>We offer the homeless a three day, two hour a day program. If they show up for all three days and stay in the class, we put them in a hotel which we either have a contract to buy or agreement with the owner for them to stay and work at the hotel for thirty,(30), days in exchange of rent. They are cross trained in running the hotel, and attend classes in Social Skills, after which we help them start their own business or obtain employment.</p> <p>The Principe Foundation teaches non-denominational faith-based social intelligence skills, including development of character, honesty, integrity, persuasive communication skills, finding hidden talents, and the laws of society. In this effort, the Foundation has no hidden agendas or ulterior motives. We show our love to a Supreme Being, whoever one regards that to be, by serving others. We aim to unite the universe with love.</p> <p>With an ever increasing homeless and unemployed population, companies are downsizing or simply shutting their doors, and people are forced into early retirement. The Principe Foundation has the solution for those at-risk individuals and families who feel there is no help or hope. Lou Principe has a proven Transformational Program, praised by Fortune 500 Companies, universities, government agencies and individuals. He applied the same principles to help people who want to get off the streets, stay out of prison, and make lives for themselves – at no cost to them.</p>

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<p>Principe, Professor Lou (cont.)</p>	<p>The Principe Program has been developed over a forty-year period; there are hundreds of reference letters and thousands of people who have attended Lou Principe's program, all documenting evidence of the uniqueness of the program and the outstanding results attendees have achieved. Some examples, which include written and video testimonials, can be found on Lou's website: www.SellYourWayToSuccess.com The Principe Foundation is a recognized 501(c)(3) and has been tax exempt since its formation in July, 2003. The records reflect the Foundation as a private foundation as described under Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributors may deduct contributions as provided in section 170 of the code. Bequests, legacies, transfers, or gifts to the Principe Foundation are deductible for federal estate and gift tax purposes. The Principe Foundation is registered in the State of Colorado.</p> <p>All FUNDS WILL BE TRANSPARENT AND AVAILABLE ON LINE, EVERYONE WILL KNOW HOW THEIR SACRED FUNDS ARE SPENT! We will reverse the trend of how monies are spent.</p> <p>People hate me until they understand what's at stake, their eternal salvation. The Lord has preserved me for this moment in my earth life.</p>
<p>Horton, David Denver 0</p>	<p>Take schools off the soft target list for people wanting to do harm. Arm teachers and staff (that are willing too) carry and get the word out that it would be a bad idea to attack a school. Much like it would be a bad idea to attack a police station or some other armed and protected facility. The state capital comes to mind. Schools should be just as well protect as our capital. Even if no one takes up the offer to defend ones life or the lives of others. Just getting the word out will go a long way since no one will know if they are a soft target or not. Just my thoughts. I hope you do something to stop the problem and not take the opportunity to blame people that had nothing to do with it.</p>
<p>Almeahaidi, Lubab Denver 0</p>	<p>Of course gun control and background check is the main solution, however I believe there are many things that can be done to have safer schools for our kids. I will put my suggestions as short points.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hire people for safety: Hiring people in schools that are specifically responsible for safety and security of the schools. Having sonars might be expensive, but it is something needs to be considered if there is no solution soon. 2. Start the security from the outside: Provide schools with secured doors for the playgrounds and the outer fields of the schools. Anyone can come into the playground area of my kids school even when the kids are in the recess time. This is not safe. There should be out doors that can be closed and high fences. 3. Change the culture through safety literacy programs: Having programs for all the community that can change the mindset towards this big problem. 4. Be open to other countries' solutions <p>Thanks</p>
<p>Ramthun, Bonnie Erie 0</p>	<p>Allowing trained administration, staff, and teachers to carry concealed weapons will prevent school violence. Utah has had armed teachers and administration for over a decade with no mass shootings and no accidental shootings of students or staff. Colorado seems to be a magnet for mass killers. We have to address this vulnerability and not with signs saying "Gun free zones." We've had those for years. They not only don't work, they tell the killers where to go to find helpless victims. The Aurora Theater shooter had seven movie theaters to choose from in his area, and he chose the one that had prominent "Gun free zone" signs posted on the premises. The solution to school violence is simple, and has already proven to be effective in Utah. Please do the right thing for our State, our vulnerable students and the brave teachers and administrators who would be glad to protect them if they were allowed. Thank you.</p>

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Vogt, Arthur	Buffalo Creek	0	The best way to prevent violence in schools is to ensure at least a portion of the staff is armed and trained to defend the students when called upon to do so. We've seen educators lay down their lives time and again. Give them a fighting chance.
Gray, Jason	Aurora	0	<p>Remove gun-free zones from schools. A little metal sign has never stopped anyone from committing an evil act. Allow those of us who are armed, trained, able, and willing carry firearms with us on school property, just like we do almost everywhere else in the state of Colorado. Active shooters only stop for one of two reasons 1) out of ammo, or 2) an active resistance.</p> <p>Shorten the response time of active resistance by letting those of us who carry everywhere else in colorado carry on public school grounds.</p>
Storojev, Kyra	Parker	0	<p>Denver is now #1 in school shootings in the nation after the STEM shooting. Kids are feeling unsafe in their own schools. The answer is NOT to provide guns to teachers as that statistically shows kids feel even more unsafe with that. The plan should be working in coordination with legislators and the public to create gun safety such as locking up guns in safes, background checks, upping the age to 21 to buy guns, stopping selling automatic and semi-automatic rifles in stores.</p> <p>Glad we are working solutions! I would also include a need for children to reduce stress, depression and anxiety. They need more recess time, art classes at least once a week, PE a few times a week, more outside time in sun and nature. All of these are shown to reduce depression, which is a major contributor and underlying issue with these shooters. Let's help them be happy healthy individuals with the tools we have at the schools. It takes a village and collaboration to accomplish better practices.</p>
Gallegos, Jenny	Colorado Springs	0	<p>First have more classes that break up groups and offer learning in actual work fields.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Auto shop Chief class Invention class Garden class Plumbing class Acting Newspaper Dance / yoga Weight class out side of gym Books / publishing Home remodel class <p>Then also offer college credits. Too many kids to go there not being educated in their current positions, as well as feel they're just won in a bunch of kids. When the state took so many classes away with the kids supposed to do keep repeating the same basic core classes over and over just in more depth?</p> <p>I also feel that giving Kids more job training earlier, Helps them to feel empowered.</p> <p>Lastly, provide Veterans and such jobs in school security and offer them better pay.....</p>

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McGuire, Mary	Colorado Springs	0	<p>Colorado should consider making school safety drills and secure visitor entrance measures absolutely mandatory for all schools in the state. It seems to be left up to the district or the individual school leadership as to whether or not safety precautions should be implemented. The dangerous "it can't happen here" attitude sadly prevails and that is utterly unacceptable. Full-time teaching staff as well as substitute teachers should engage in the drills and be fully prepared on how to handle an emergency. This state should also adopt the School Response Program created by John-Michael Keyes and the "I Love U Guys" foundation (https://iloveguys.org/). This program has had continuing success for many years in other states. Colorado has failed to implement a uniform code, even though we have experienced tragedy after tragedy. Finally, there are many programs that help support positive classroom experiences (positive behavior support), teacher/student engagement and trauma-informed education models that have shown success in developing critical relationship skills that help bond students to their learning environment and assist in identifying risk factors early in a child's development. My view is that we have been haphazard in our approach and left implementation to local control which has not brought success to our state.</p>
Konola, Claudette	Grand Junction	0	<p>Two things: Before designing any program impacting kids, especially at the higher grade levels, talk to the kids about what they need. You might be surprised at how much thought they've already given to the issue. And more guns are not the answer--I hope you saw the recent story about a 6 year old finding the gun stored at school in the event of an active shooter event. If you think that would never happen in Colorado, you are naive.</p>
Staples, Charles	Firestone	0	<p>Since at least the year 2000 (where statistics are available) there has not been a fatal shooting (during school hours or when a teacher was present) at any school where teachers are permitted to carry weapons. I know of no other measure with this level of effectiveness.</p> <p>Note that cases of students grabbing teacher's guns, teachers going on a rampage, and accidental discharges by teachers are similarly absent.</p> <p>You don't have to fund it, you don't have to promote it, you simply have to allow it.</p>
Clayburg, Daniel	Lakewood	0	<p>Allow teachers to carry a concealed firearm if they choose.</p> <p>Give retired military or law enforcement a paid position as security in our schools.</p>
Comstock, Kenneth	Grand Junction	0	<p>I am a CASA (court appointed special advocate) and work with kids of all ages. In addition, I am a grandparent. My three grand kids attend the same private school (K-8) that my kids did. The entrance is kept locked at all times while school is in session, so visitors have to ring a buzzer to be let in. Kids playing outdoors are in a fenced area only accessible from inside the building, that would be difficult to scale, as well as highly visible. When school is out, kids are kept inside until their parent (or pre-authorized person) is there to pick them up, and go directly from their class room to their ride. That seems pretty simple, and is enough for our small school. For larger public schools these days, having some kind of trained armed guard would be necessary, larger schools could have more than one. They should have radios on their bodies that allow them to communicate</p>
Lapp, p	Littleton	0	<p>Please protect our schools and the students in them by placing ARMED SECURITY at the doors. We protect things like artwork, zoo animals, and money, but not our kids. After 20 years of hand wringing, and asking this same question, the answer is always the same. I have not once heard a valid reason as to why we DON'T have armed security at every school. And if it's money... then there is a whole lot of waste of funds going on that is the real reason our kids aren't safe. Logically, realistically, and emphatically, we all know that this is the only way to stop the evil.</p>

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Squyresprice, Nickolas	LAKEWOOD	0	<p>1.Place an armed and well trained guard at main entrance of all schools, all day 2. Metal detectors in every school's main entrance.</p> <p>3. Schools need to follow and be held responsible for any type of bullying that goes on inside or outside of the school if it has to do with their students.</p> <p>I think placing a well armed and well trained guard at a school entrance would be a major deterrent to any would be school shooter.and I'm not talking about a school resource officer im talking about a full fledged armed guard</p> <p>There are plenty of willing and able army veterans that would apply for a job like this.</p>
Erdmann, Linda	Lafayette	0	<p>For schools to be truly secure I feel they must have serious fencing around the perimeter of the school property. There should be one entrance (if possible) in and out of the school. which is always monitored. There should be an armed school safety officer on duty. The campuses should be closed (i.e., students do not leave without a pass for doctor's appointments, etc. and should be checked out and checked in by the designated school personnel). All visitors (and students arriving after school has started) must check in with the school safety officer or other designated school personnel. Security cameras should be installed by a professional security company. All related rules about school security should be strictly enforced. School personnel and the safety office should make it their mission to become familiar with all students on campus.</p>
Clayton, Amanda	Wheat Ridge	0	<p>There is absolutely no way to make real impact on a developing child's mental health unless you address what's going on in the home. No programs are in place for families outside of the Head Start program. This type of family intervention/ support is very important in order to provide true early intervention and prevention. This type of intervention needs to extend past preschool into elementary. Teachers MUST undergo some sort of trauma informed training and taught positive behavior modification techniques. Most teachers have absolutely no idea why children are acting out and assume they are just bad kids. In order to facilitate this I think you at a minimum need to hire more social workers who are expected to make contact with these children's families.</p>
Gross, Chad	Denver	0	<p>1. Remove the gun-free status from schools. Allow both concealed carrying parents and teacher's who choose to carry on school grounds. The mere presence of firearms does not make people less safe no matter how much they believe this to be the case, guns don't go off by themselves. In fact, the presence of them has proven to be a deterrent and in the cases where it is not, at least the incident can be stopped quickly to minimize damage by a criminal. Alternatively, or in addition to, hire guards and/or have police presence whenever school is in session for the same reason. 2. Enforce discipline on students who are not adhering to standards.</p>
Maples, Logan	Golden	0	<p>I strongly believe metal detectors are crucial to keeping our students safe.</p>
Franke, Ashleigh	Superior	I am a member/volunteer with Mom's Demand Action, but i do not represent the organization.	<p>I attended the morning half of the session today 8/20/19, and while I was very impressed with the majority of what was discussed, and I agree that there are a lot of avenues that need to be explored, I was shocked to see that there was very little, if any, discussion surrounding the accessibility of guns and their role in school safety concerns. To me, we can talk all day about how to give more funding to mental health resources in schools, how we can construct schools differently to be harder to enter, how we can implement lockdown drills and address trauma, threat assessment teams, incident response teams, etc, etc. But my question to the committee is this; Do you recognize that access to guns as being a uniquely american problem, and a common denominator is school safety incidents, and what do you think can be done to eliminate the threat of gun violence in our schools and communities? Does this committee feel committed to keeping guns out of sensitive places, particularly our schools?</p> <p>Thank you. I am wondering what can be done to improve public school funding in Colorado. It is my understanding that we do not have enough counselors, nurses, special Ed support in our schools, and that Colorado falls somewhere around 46th in the country for school funding. I think this is a big problem when it comes to school safety and I would like to hear some ideas on how to improve this. Thank you.</p>

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Hayes, Jacqueline	Akron	0	I hope that through this committee, our government will recognize the need to truly secure our students. I currently have a child preschool age and am terrified to send him to our small town's school because we have one building that houses students preschool-12th grade. My biggest concern is the lack of funding and support to secure our schools.
Fivekiller, Lehua	Aurora	0	I'm calling on my local legislature to act NOW, make changes keep our kids safe!!!!
Lata, Shoshana	Windsor	0	Allow for valid CHP holders to carry on school property.
Joyce, Thomas	Castle Rock	0	As a retired Federal Law Enforcement Agent (US Secret Service) the school safety committee would be remiss if it did not investigate the use of retired law enforcement as armed security in the school districts across the State. These men and women offer a valuable asset with their years of law enforcement experience. Many of them with more law enforcement experience than the current School Resource Officers (not to belittle their worth) that will serve as a DETERRENT to a school threat as well as an immediate backup to the SRO should a threat manifest itself. They're are numerous retired law enforcement officers currently working in the Douglas County School District where their experience in law enforcement is being totally overlooked. The students of Colorado have a valuable resource available to them that is not being utilized.
Sertz, Derek	AURORA	0	Unfortunately, there is nothing you can do to keep children safe. This society has prioritized the rights of the insane and violent over the rights of responsible and innocent people. We waste resources that should go to families and decent law-abiding people to fix those who would harm our communities and country. The violent and insane people want to be famous (infamous) and we glorify this through media and 24-hour coverage. The core of our civilization (our children) is being attacked by these people who will get 3 hot meals and a cot for being insane and carrying out hideous acts (not to mention free health and mental care). This is more than some seniors have after a lifetime of work. We've lost because we talk about people's rights, not their responsibilities. Somehow we think of only of rights. If consequences (responsibility) were focused on, the violent and the insane would be diminished because they would have to face the consequence. If you walk into a school with the intent to kill, you should have an expedited trial with death as a fast and real consequence. It is a criminal justice issue that has failed us, not an educational one.
Zeles-Hahn, Michelle	Westminster	0	I would love for the committee to look into students with 504s and IEPs and determine if there is any correlation between students that qualify for those services and students that commit serious crimes. This data is hard to obtain for the layman and study. From my perspective, school and districts aren't doing enough to move/help students that have significant needs. Violent acts occur in schools and principal have no choice but to pass the kid to another school and hope for "better luck there". There doesn't seem to be a push or the money to truly help very trouble students. The laws that protect students with disabilities over rules safety in the majority of cases, so expelling these kids is difficult even to protect the rest of the school. How does a school/district balance ESSA with the Clare Davis Act?
Hernandez, Randolph	Pueblo	0	To improve safety in schools is to use a single point entry system limiting people into the school interior with resistant entry doors, and alarm buttons. Remove the soft target status with no weapons allowed for adults as with open carry. Recruit local Marines , and other armed forces active or retired to volunteer a perimeter visual presence. School resource officers, or professional armed services are a visual deterrent.
Perez, Ivette	Thornton	0	We need more police presence at each and every school in the state! Our elementary school does not even have 1 officer to protect our children from a catastrophe. Please we don't feel safe sending our children to school.
Engel, Parker	Denver	0	Make schools non gun free zones and increase security at schools so that anyone thinking about causing harm with think twice and look for softer targets.

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Scangarella, Amy	Denver	0	<p>Hi there. I have a 10 year old son and think about this every day and how schools can be made more safe. I think that each school should have specific employees that carry a gun at all times. The identity of these individuals will only be known to the district and school staff. School resource officers identities are known to the school kids. These specific individuals would not be known to the students because they could become the first targets. Having people (teachers) on the inside with weapons, like in Greeley is the only way to stop these situations before they even begin. These people could be teachers, janitors, the lunch lady, but the kids would have no idea who it is that would have a gun. It is very common in other countries for all of the teachers and administrators in school to carry a gun and you do not hear about these incidents happening in schools like they do here. Our children are the most important people in our lives and yet we show an unwillingness to do what needs to be done, to really protect them and to stop all of these pointless killing of the innocent who had no one to protect and could only tell them to get under their desks and pray that they are not chosen for execution. I am tired our children being afraid to go to school because they never know if that day will be the day that they are the targets. We need to step up and protect them in every way that we can, because right now we are doing nothing, and it is pathetic. Our kids deserve better and they deserve to be protected, they also deserve to stand up for them selves and not to be told to hide under their desk where they are just sitting ducks. We need to fight back in these situations and maybe this madness will stop. I have one more comment. There is a great national program called Watch D.O.G.S (Dads Of Great Students) where fathers volunteer and spend a certain number of days in their child's school. Every father that I have mentioned said they would jump at the opportunity to be a part of this program. It is a \$500 fee to start up and this is where schools struggle, coming up with the \$500. This program has proven to greatly decrease school bullying and schools that have implemented this program show no evidence violence. It is a benefit for all involved and it is nice that fathers have an opportunity to be involved in their child's school. They can help with homework, serve as security, pretty much anything that they school wants them to do, they will do so gladly. It is a win/win for everyone. You should take a look at their website, some schools in the Denver metro area already have this program but not all of the.</p>
Roetter, Alex	Boulder	0	<p>I have two small children, one of whom is in Colorado public schools (in Boulder), and one will be starting next year.</p> <p>Living in Colorado, which in some sense has been ground zero for mass shootings (Columbine, Aurora, etc) is terrifying. I am nervous every time I drop my child off from school.</p> <p>The fact we don't even study this problem is absurd. The fact that we think any action results in a slippery slope to destroying the 2nd amendment is absurd. Americans are smarter than this, we can, and must find a solution that keeps our children and citizens safe while protecting law abiding citizens 2nd amendment rights.</p> <p>Please pass common sense things. Felons should have weapons, background checks, assault rifle restrictions, etc. Weapons designed only to kill lots of people are simply not needed by hunters, home defenders, etc.</p> <p>We first and foremost need to keep our most vulnerable populations, our children and our future, safe.</p>
Norris, Rebecca	Denver	0	<p>I asked my 7 year old who is in 2nd grade at a DPS school (not charter) what he thinks would make him feel safer in school and his response was so simple and so brilliant. He said that he would like the intercom system to be updated. He said that he has trouble hearing the announcements on the speaker and when kids are scared or loud he can't hear them at all. Communication, that's what he wants, he wants to be able to feel safe in school and be able to hear instructions from people he trusts in an emergency. So much more needs to be done but this seemed to me to be something simple we could do TODAY!!!</p>

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<p>Straut, Terri</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>0</p>	<p>School Safety Committee,</p> <p>Thank you all for your willingness to serve on this important committee. I have had students in Jeffco schools for 22 years, until this August. My youngest is now in college. Things have changed in our schools in these 22 years, not for the better.</p> <p>When my oldest son was a Kindie, there were no active shooter drills, my daughter never had a school year without them. There was certainly no talk of arming teachers. It would never have even been considered. A teachers job is to teach, not shoot. I have very strong concerns about arming teachers. How do police or security officers know who's the good guy? And do we really think that teachers can control who has access to the gun? I implore you to consider reasonable solutions to our gun violence problems.</p> <p>I lost my oldest son to suicide at the age of 18. When he turned 18, he bought a long gun at Walmart. We had never had a gun in our home until that day. He was a responsible gun owner, always had things locked up in a gun cabinet. That is right until the night that he was distraught over a break up with his girlfriend and he used that Walmart long gun to complete suicide in my basement.</p> <p>This child could not legally buy a beer in Colorado, but he could legally buy a lethal weapon.</p> <p>Please do SOMETHING.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Terri</p>
<p>Overbeck, Joy</p>	<p>Parker</p>	<p>0</p>	<p>THE only research-based, proven way to keep kids safe from school shootings according to 20 yrs of school shooting stats is well-trained, VOLUNTEER armed school staff. The special committee investigating the Parkland massacre said so too, and recommended to the FL State legislature they pass law allowing staff carry. We have had such a law in CO for many years. About 150 school staff are now armed in CO, in over 30 school districts. Administrators and Superintendents MUST seriously investigate this important and effective way to protect our students, not ban it as has Superintendent Tucker in DougCo. Incredibly, he and the school board keep saying solutions must be "evidence-and research-based" yet forbids the only evidence-based, researched based practice. Armed staff too often is twisted into a political issue by the anti-gun lobby. Instead, it must be approached as a practical issue or more lives will be lost. Here is the evidence: in the last 20 years NO shootings have taken place in ANY school that allows armed staff carry. There was ONE accidental discharge and the victim was a toilet!</p> <p>https://townhall.com/columnists/joyoverbeck/2019/05/21/now-theres-irrefutable-proof-arming-school-staff-keeps-kids-safe-n2546629</p>
<p>Segur, Anna</p>	<p>BOULDER</p>	<p>0</p>	<p>I am concerned about the moves by some school districts and schools to arm teachers and bring more guns into the school environment. This only puts more students and teachers at risk and increases the likelihood of confusion when law enforcement arrives. There has been an incident this last week in which a 1st grader accessed a school gun:</p> <p>https://thehill.com/blogs/blog-briefing-room/news/457735-school-official-says-first-grader-picked-up-gun-meant-to The solution we need is universal background checks, emergency protection restraining order, and laws recognizing white supremacist actions/speech as domestic terrorism.</p>

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Saddy, Paul	Englewood	Centennial Consulting Solutions, LLC	0	<p>I am a reseller for two software products that are designed to identify weapons (among others) in an active shooter scenario. The software runs on a cloud based AI platform and can not only perform a rapid response notification (less than 5 seconds) to designated parties and local law enforcement via several platforms, it can perform automated and automated lock down procedures with no human intervention.</p> <p>Unfortunately despite significant adoption by the private sector and repeated shootings, the Colorado General Assembly and school officials in the Denver metro area are reluctant to spend on this or any other life saving solutions out there. The only reason I've been provided out of Tom Sullivan's office is reasons of branding. I would like to simply bring this to the committee's attention as a significant viable solution to decrease shootings in schools, businesses and government facilities before they ever start.</p> <p>You can learn more about the product here. www.centennialsolutions.net</p>
Murphy, Torin	Englewood		0	0
Rardin, Elizabeth	Englewood		0	As an educator, I worry that we are not doing enough to prevent school shootings and keep students safe.
Chapman, James	Parker		0	<p>As a parent of a student attending Douglas county schools, I have serious concerns about school safety. I approve and support a school security plan that authorizes volunteer school staff and teachers who have had extensive training to carry firearms at school. I believe this to be the most effective deterrent to mass shooting violence rather than designating schools as 'gun free' zones. A person that is committed to performing an act of violence will have no regard for a posted sign!</p> <p>Thank you, James Chapman</p>
Hren, Michael	Lakewood		0	<p>Red flag laws aren't going to solve anything other than to keep lawyers busy and make the pacifists "feel good" thinking they did something about shootings. I've never seen or heard of a gun killing anyone.... it happens when the human gets involved. Perhaps if we'd engage the death penalty instead of incarcerating these cowards it would be a deterrent, we had the chance with the Aurora theater shooter but 1 out of the 12 jurors didn't have the intestinal fortitude to vote to kill him. Now my tax dollars go to taking care of him for the rest of his miserable life. The problem with kids shooting at schools lies of the parents period. Parents need to start being parents instead of friends.</p>

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Oliver, Dr. Richard	Centennial	0	<p>There are already laws on the books that penalize a person that does not store his gun safely ! Chicago, Detroit, Baltimore, and other of our largest cities already have strict bans on guns, including Semi-automatic pistols and rifles and they have the largest murder rates in the country ! I can't understand why any sane person would think that a criminal or person with criminal intent would care about any laws made !!! The only people that will follow the laws are like me a law abiding citizen and we are not the problem at all ! The issues that your committee is undertaking is very complex with many facets that are not being addressed. For example HIPPA laws that don't allow a Physician to place a patient on the list, or the lack of understanding of mental illness that we have today compared to 40 years ago, or the mind altering drugs that Physicians prescribe regularly for illnesses like depression, etc. Liability laws that allow Physicians to be sued as well as others for getting a person on the mental illness list or the liability factor of a Physician taking someone off the mental illness list. I could go on and on about many various spokes to this wheel of gun safety in Schools and churches and other venues, but you get the idea of the complexity of the problem and I don't think a few committee meetings will be sufficient to address all the quagmire of issues and problems at hand. This is extremely complicated. I feel that a much longer period of discussion and working outside the committee to establish a comprehensive, fair and equal laws as well as some major changes in HIPPA and Liability litigation laws as well as changes in mental health rules and regulations will be necessary.</p> <p>Once again, putting laws or regulations in place that only will be followed by law abiding citizens as myself is not only foolish but infringes on our Constitutional rights.</p> <p>FYI: Many Countries around the World have such bans in place and have had them for a long time have a much higher murder rate with firearms taper 100,000 people than the US: Which proves that all the laws passed to ban, punish, or infringe on a law abiding citizens rights to bear arms simply doesn't work and any effort in this direction I'd absurd and foolish.</p>
Clarke, Fred	LAKEWOOD	0	<p>There is an untapped resource available to protect children in schools: the hundreds of retired professionals in the United States who are skilled recreational pistol shooters. We were dentists, machinists, engineers, firefighters, police, lawyers, electricians - the list goes on. We're sickened by shootings of unprotected school children. We'd be glad to volunteer as school safety monitors one day a week. A neatly dressed man or woman with a concealed handgun can resist an attack while police are summoned. Lives can be saved. These volunteers don't need the stamina or associated knowledge of a police officer. They simply need to be available to resist an armed attack for the few minutes it takes for police to arrive. It is unconscionable for people with political agendas to argue against this common sense proposal. We need to invite volunteers, subject them to background checks, testing and extensive interviews, give them any needed training and utilize them in our neighborhood schools. Communities can revise any laws that preclude this life saving measure.</p>
Ryan, Elizabeth	Lone Tree	0	<p>As studies have proven that a classroom that an assailant can not see into they are more likely to move on, implementing a policy that all classrooms are required to have an opaque material covering any windows on doors or windows in classrooms would be beneficial.</p>
Alba, Francisco	Denver	Denver Police Department	<p>Greetings,</p> <p>My name is Officer Francisco Alba of the Denver Police Department, and I am a School Resource Officer at Bruce Randolph School and Manual High School, both in Denver. I write to you because I have been a School Resource Officer for twelve years (nearly twenty in total as an officer) and have a good knowledge of school practices and Law Enforcement obligations within a school setting to include guest speaking across the state on different issues that affect schools. I believe I can be an asset to your committee to help keep our kids safe in schools.</p>

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Chapman, Karen	Greenwood Village	0	My youngest son was in kindergarten in Littleton when students and teacher Dave Sanders were massacred at Columbine. He is now in law enforcement and outgunned every day by those with semi-automatic weapons. My new granddaughter will soon enough be subjected to the horrific trauma of lockdown drills. The solution to safety at our schools is not more guns in the hands of teachers or administrators or inadequately trained security who will simply make it more chaotic and dangerous for all if law enforcement officers like my son have to respond to a school. Intelligent steps to protect our students include training and support for responsible firearm storage at home by the entire school community, effective emergency planning, security upgrades that are proven to be effective, and programs designed to create more tolerant, equitable schools, include the Southern Poverty Law Center's "Teaching Tolerance" program.
Fiske, Leigh	Boulder	0	As a concerned parent of two children in BVSD schools, I would like to ask that you allocate additional funds to school safety, with emphasis on improved infrastructure and technology, training for staff and personnel, and additional mental health services.
Sherman, Olathe	Colorado Springs	0	Keep all three exemptions in Colorado. Serve organic farm fresh foods, chemically free cleaning products, make sure kids get good while food nutrition.
Welch, Jeff	Colorado Springs	0	We can make schools more safe by not allowing students or staff recently vaccinated with pertussis to be at the school. Science now shows that the vaccine is not only a failure, but it turns perfectly healthy individuals into asymptomatic carriers who can still transmit pertussis to others (especially immunocompromised) even if the vaccine is efficacious for the vaccinated individual. We need to look at the measles and mumps vaccines, too, since they're showing signs of mutating thanks to over-vaccination, and the vaccines are not as effective as we thought just like with the pertussis one.
JACKSON, JAY	COLORADO SPRINGS	0	They committe should ensure that all schools are in compliance with the FERPA laws. That no school records of any type per FERPA law can be given to CDHPE or any other government agency for any reason except an actual emergency. FERPA has a VERY narrow definition of an emergency and CDPHE can not decide what constitutes an emergency.
Kelly, Kathleen	Westminster	Moms Demand Action	I do not want to arm teachers. They are already overburdened with teaching requirements in large classes. Research supports that common sense gun laws lower gun violence. Look for options that will reduce gun availability for people under 21 to keep students and teachers safe.
M., Christina	HIGHLANDS RANCH	0	As we learned from STEM, having more guns in schools is a threat, not a security measure, for students. An innocent student was shot by an armed guard. The armed guard did nothing to stop the shooter, and instead shot an innocent victim. Do not allow more guns into our schools and increase the threat to their lives. Please use data and research and BEST practices, not political maneuvering, to help stop gun violence.
Callaghan, Carole	Evergreen	Moms Demand Action	The passage of gun legislation such as universal background checks with no exceptions, mandatory waiting periods for all gun purchases, and a minimum age to own a firearm of 21 would greatly reduce the risk to our students. While these measures are by no means a guarantee of safety, they will decrease the likelihood of school shootings. Another, more unconventional approach is mandating later high school start times. Most school shootings are perpetrated by students at the school, especially at the high school level. There are many studies demonstrating that high school start times of 8:30 or later dramatically reduce teen anxiety and stress, as well as increasing overall student performance. This is an out-of-the-box approach to reducing violence in schools, but would likely be an effective one with other positive side effects. I encourage the committee to examine this as a possibility for increasing school safety.

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Safken, Melody	Whitewater	0	<p>We need solid, common sense gun legislation. Background checks ACROSS THE BOARD, with communication between entities. NO WEAPONS OF WAR sold across the counter. NO RAPID FIRE AMMUNITION. NO FELONS OR DOMESTIC ABUSERS allowed to purchas guns. MOST OF ALL, THE LAWS TO PROSECUTE VIOLATORS INTACT. Thank you, Gun owner, hunter, and mother of 2, Melody Safken</p>
Clemans, Robert	GOLDEN	0	<p>I am concerned that firearms are being targeted when the problem as I see it is that people think that violence is the answer to their issue. Over 90% of all multiple shootings in the USA occure in "Gun Free Zones" which include our schools. That leads me to think that the presence of a firearm whether on school person or security guards would reduce or eliminate violence where a firearm is used. I am for training and arming school staff who are willing to do so. Metal detectors may have some effect but they can be avoided by clever criminals. School security forces may be an effective way to at least reduce violence.</p>
Bibisi, Alexander	Denver	0	<p>Hello,</p> <p>My name is Alex Bibisi. I am a resident of Colorado and a recent graduate of the University of Colorado Law School. I am writing to encourage the School Safety Committee to advocate for the passage of a state sales tax exemption and/or a state income tax deduction for the purchase of gun safes. Tax incentives for purchasing gun safes will allow parents and family members of Colorado's school-age children to safely store their firearms in a manner that substantially reduces their accessibility to minors. Several other states already have various tax incentives in place for purchases of safes, including Washington, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Michigan, and New Jersey. The Committee should urge Colorado's legislature to join these states and help enable responsible gun owners, particularly those of lower socioeconomic status, to prevent criminals and children from accessing their firearms.</p> <p>I understand that my comment may be somewhat lengthy, however, I've included some notable statistics and legal summaries that I hope the Committee will find both informative generally and persuasive in choosing to endorse tax incentives for purchases of gun safes.</p> <p>Thank you very much for your time. I hope you will find my commentary educational and helpful, and that you will take my proposal into consideration as you craft legislative policy objectives and recommendations for making Colorado's schools even safer.</p> <p>---</p> <p>The costs of obtaining secure storage: Most gun owners want to obtain some sort of safe storage mechanism for their firearms to prevent theft or other unauthorized access. Many, however, simply cannot afford an expensive safe. While smaller, lower-quality "safes" and locking cabinets, potentially suitable for storage of small handguns, are available for under \$150, larger storage devices usable with rifles and shotguns tend to be more expensive. Additionally, if a gun owner wishes to protect his or her firearms from more savvy meddlers, such as determined thieves or ill-intending teenagers, the more affordable storage options likely will not suffice. Higher-quality storage options, which are substantially more secure,</p>

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can range in price from several hundred dollars to several thousand dollars. Purchasing a gun safe can be a major financial investment, particularly for less wealthy individuals.

Sales taxes can noticeably increase the cost of a safe. With the 2.9% Colorado state sales tax and local taxes up to 8.3%, the cost of a \$500 safe can increase by up to \$56. While a sales tax exemption would reduce this financial burden, an even better option would be to allow a deduction from Colorado's 4.63% state income tax, allowing taxpayers to write-off the full price of one gun safe on their taxes. Tax breaks such as these are routinely used by federal and state governments to manipulate consumer behavior, such as Colorado's existing allowances for charitable contribution subtractions and first-time home buyer savings account interest deductions. Colorado should join the list of other states already using the tax system to encourage secure storage of firearms.

Analysis of school shootings since 2000:

Reducing unauthorized access to firearms is highly relevant to school safety. Each year, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Texas State University publish a report titled "Active Shooter Incidents in the United States." These reports contain details of all "active shootings" (as defined by federal statute) since 2000. From 2000 to 2018, the reports identify a total of 39 active shooting incidents at public and private K-12 schools, an average of 2.05 incidents per year. Thankfully, 17 (43.5%) of these incidents resulted in zero fatalities. While the mode (most common number) of fatalities in school shootings over 18 years was zero, three high-profile shootings since 2012 have pulled the mean (average) number of fatalities per incident up from 1.4 to 2.46.

The importance of secure storage of firearms in reducing occurrence of these incidents is readily apparent when one examines the ages of the perpetrators in K-12 school shootings. Overall, the average age of the 39 perpetrators was 18.6. However, this number is skewed high due to three perpetrators who were aged in their 40s. If we remove the 6 perpetrators over age 21, the average age of a school shooter is a mere 15.63 years. More powerfully, calculating the mode age shows that most school shooters are 15 years old. As relaxed as current firearms laws in the United States may be, they are not so lax that any fifteen-year-old who wants one can readily purchase a gun.

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A further breakdown of the school shootings provides several other interesting data-points. Of the 39 perpetrators, 19 (48%) were under the age of 16, 26 (66%) under the age of 18, and 33 (84%) under the age of 21. Additionally, despite the mainstream media obsession with semi-automatic rifles, the most common type of firearm used in school shootings is by far and away the handgun. 28 of the 39 incidents (71.7%) involved handguns. Looking at this data creates an obvious question: How are school shooters obtaining firearms? While the FBI data does not provide any information on this, one can infer from examination of existing federal and state laws, as well as investigation of individual incidents themselves, that accessibility of family members' unsecured firearms must play some role.

In general, school shooters are not lawfully obtaining their own weapons. Both federal and Colorado state laws already restrict accessibility of firearms for those under age 21, particularly access to handguns. At the federal level, the Youth Handgun Safety Act (18 USC 922 (x)) prohibits anyone from transferring a handgun to a minor under the age of 18 in any situation (including gun shows, private sales, internet sales, and gifts between family members), with only extremely limited exceptions. Federal law also prohibits Federal Firearms Licensees (such as gun shops) from transferring a handgun to anyone under age 21, or a long gun (such as a shotgun or rifle) to anyone under age 18 (See 18 USC 922). Colorado state law reflects federal law on transfers of handguns to minors (C.R.S. § 18-12-108.5 & 108.7). Additionally, Colorado's universal background check law (C.R.S. § 18-12-112) takes transfer restrictions one step further by requiring all firearm transfers to go through a Federal Firearms Licensee, who is then restricted by the federal age limits for transfers as stated above.

While a perpetrator over age 18 might be able to obtain a long gun lawfully in Colorado and many other states, the same cannot be said for the handguns that are used so frequently in these incidents. Further investigation into individual incidents reveals that all too often, perpetrators obtain their firearms (not just handguns) by way of theft from their parents, their other family members, and family members of their friends. The perpetrator of the 2012 attack on Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut obtained his mother's rifle and two handguns after murdering her at their home with an unsecured firearm. The 17-year-old perpetrator of the 2018 Santa Fe High School in Texas attack stole an unsecured shotgun and handgun from his father. A 15-year-old perpetrator in 2014 used his father's unsecured handgun to kill four students at a high school in Marysville, Washington.

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In 2013, a 12-year-old child obtained his parent's unsecured handgun and killed a teacher and himself at Sparks Middle School in Nevada.

Summary:

Although storing firearms securely in a safe may not have prevented all 39 school shootings, it could perhaps have prevented some of them. It is also important to note in our current polarized political realm that tax incentives for purchasing gun safes is truly a bipartisan, non-controversial way to reduce gun violence. Gun control supporters want to reduce the accessibility of firearms generally, and gun rights supporters want to keep their firearms from being stolen and used to harm people.

While other proposals may advocate for restrictions on firearms, causing heated debates and leading to nothing but further division and deadlock, a proposal incentivizing gun owners to do something most of them already want to do could easily find bipartisan approval and reduce the frequency of these tragic incidents, all without infringing on the fundamental rights of law-abiding Americans.

Again, thank you very much for your time. I hope the Committee will take my proposal into consideration.

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Cowgill, Allen	Denver	0	My kids will be starting school in the next few years. The current methodology of doing lockdown drills, and not telling students that it is indeed a drill is horrifying. Even the military tells their team members when they are doing a drill vs when it is not a drill. There is no data to support that this methodology makes a difference and Ive heard stories of how the current practice is terrifying for certain kids wondering if there is indeed a shooter in the school. All schools should announce that lockdowns are a drill when it is.
Roe-Miller, Leilani	Olney Springs	0	Children should be safe in school. Parents are placing their children in online schools or homeschooling because of safety and bullying. It is sad to see our public schools dwindling away on something needs to be done
Gyory, Sarah	Denver	0	My concern is for staff and student safety- not only physical, but psychological. Constant lockdown drills do affect our students. My first year teaching, my students cried during the lockdown drill.