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Chair Craven and Members of the House Judiciary:

My name is Heather Bailes Baker. I live in Cumberland and my representative is Alex Marszalkowski. I serve as pastor at the Arnold Mills United Methodist Church.

I'm writing to express support for House Bills H7217 $\,$ and H7373 $\,$

As a parent, it is devastating that gun violence is the #1 killer of children and teens in our country. How can we as a nation tolerate such needless death, suffering, and grief? As a pastor, I believe we all have a responsibility to care for one another, and that includes making our communities safer places.

Thank you for your consideration of this important legislation. Please prioritize safety for all. It is time to vote these bills out of committee and send them to the floor.

Sincerely,

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Fridays are my day off for rest and renewal. I will respond to emails on Monday.

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