

TESTIMONY – MN PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE HEARING – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2023

I commend you for taking up these 4 bills addressing gun issues. I acknowledge that any one of these will not stop all gun deaths and injuries. But I do believe they will help reduce the violence and save other families of experiencing the extreme grief of losing a loved one – as I have.

Over 30 years ago my daughter, Carin, was kidnapped and raped at gun point and shot to death. To this day I miss her and cannot help but wonder who she would have become and what she would have added to this state and country.

The human talent and resources we are losing daily due to unnecessary gun violence is appalling. Not to mention the number of resources expended to care for those that are wounded physically and mentally.

Requiring gun owners to take the precaution of storing their guns securely is not too much to ask when you consider the number of children and teens that have gotten a hold of a parent's gun leading to a tragic end.

I have been testifying in favor of stricter gun laws for the past 23 years and I am prepared to come back for another 23 years or more – until you, our governing body, start taking action to stop the carnage of gun violence.

Thank you.