

Testimony in Opposition to House Bill 2304
Submitted to the House Federal and State Affairs Committee
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Dear Chairman Carpenter and Committee Members:

I'm reaching out to you today to share a fact about my granddaughter Koriona and Eddie the Eagle. Koriona's mother was shot and killed by her father when she was 2 1/2 years old at the time. As I raise Koriona and her baby sister Bri they enter the 502 school system. Eddie the Eagle was introduced to Koriona who loved school, but came home crying she never wanted to go to school again because Eddie Eagle was going to shoot and kill her. After comforting her and telling her That Eagle was not going to touch her. I know with all the gun violence that is going around the world. We want to protect our children from gun violence and teach them how to react, but you're not thinking about those children who have endured gun violence in their life. Who have been traumatized by gun violence. There has to be a different way to get the point across. It has been shown Eddie Eagle doesn't work.

Thank you for your time,

LaTonya Boyd..