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I am a resident of Orange County in support of staff to draft an ordinance to adopt a Secure Gun Storage Ordinance. More than half of gun owners do not lock all of their guns securely and approximately 380,000 guns are stolen from gun owners every year. The number of guns stolen from individuals increased by nearly 60% between 2006 and 2016 and it continues to rise. The number of guns stolen from cars nearly doubled between 2006 and 2015, with several cities experiencing more than threefold increases. Many of these stolen guns are sold in underground markets and then show up in violent crime scenes. By adopting a gun storage ordinance, gun owners are significantly less likely to have a gun stolen if they store all of their guns locked and unloaded thus playing a vital role in reducing the risk of gun violence in our communities. Thank you.

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