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Hello,

I'm Victoria Zimmon and am a resident in Orange County. I want to show my strong support to adopt a **Secure Gun Storage Ordinance**. There are far too many civilian-owned firearms in the U.S. - upwards of 400 million - and more than one-third of homes contain at least one gun.

Despite the multiple risks to safety that have been repeatedly documented, unfortunately the majority of gun owners do not practice safe gun storage. Shockingly, an estimated 54 percent do not lock or secure their guns safely.

Responsible gun owners can make our homes and communities safer by storing their firearms unloaded and locked, with ammunition also kept in a separate place, to prevent access by people who are at risk of harming themselves or others. One study found that households that locked both firearms and ammunition were associated with a 78 percent lower risk of self-inflicted firearm injuries and an 85 percent lower risk of unintentional firearm injuries. Research shows that these storage practices can play a vital role in reducing the risk of gun violence.

Storing firearms unloaded, locked, and separate from ammunition saves lives.

Thank you for taking this up and I hold on to hope that it will move forward.

Victoria