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SB 522

Standardizing Firearm Safety Education Programs in School Districts

Opponent

Written Testimony- Only

Good afternoon, Chairman Olson, Committee members and staff. Thank you for hearing my testimony today.

My name is LaTonya Boyd and I live in Topeka, Kansas. I'm here to give my testimony on the Eddie the Eagle Bill. I do not support this bill because of my granddaughter whose mother was killed by gun violence when she was very young. It left her traumatized. After being exposed to an Eddie Eagle lesson, she didn't want to go to school in fear of Eddie the Eagle. She feared he would shoot her and kill her. It took weeks of reassuring her that I would not let Eddie the Eagle near her and let any harm come to her.

If I had known that it could be possible for real guns to be used in these lessons, my grandchildren would not have gone to public schools. This would only have caused more fear and trauma.

I cannot support this bill and hope this committee will vote NO on SB 522.

Thank you.