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Hello, my name is Marilyn Edick and I'm a resident of Plymouth, Michigan. I am testifying today as a Michigan resident, a Mom, the wife of an educator, and a member of the Michigan chapter Moms Demand Action, a grassroots movement of American mothers fighting for public safety measures that respect the Second Amendment and protect people from gun violence. I urge you all to vote 'NO' on the dangerous "guns everywhere" bill, S 442. As a mother, it is always my first priority to keep my child safe. The very idea that I'd be sending my son to college knowing there could be people carrying concealed guns in campus buildings terrifies me.

My husband, Miles Edick, is a teacher at Salem High School. When he leaves for work, he should only be worrying about his students' needs—NOT about them carrying hidden, loaded guns in the classroom, a place of learning. Also, my son, Ethan, is a student at Salem High School. He should be learning the subjects necessary to help him achieve his goal of becoming a museum curator one day, not learning how best to protect himself from a stray bullet.

This bill does absolutely nothing to make spaces like K-12 schools and campuses safer. Throwing open our schoolhouse doors to armed civilians puts our children, educators, and staff at risk, and disrupts the learning environment. Let me ask you, Senators: when you hug your kids every morning and send them off to school, how would you feel knowing that anyone, strangers and those with bad intentions alike, could carry concealed handguns in to their schools, or college buildings? I know how I'd feel: scared, and angry that our elected officials have taken this dangerous step without thinking through the real-world consequences.

Voters and Michiganders will remember these decisions in November and beyond. Keeping guns out of sensitive places like K-12 schools, college campuses, and bars is common sense, and we will vote for common-sense legislators who keep their constituents safe.

I urge you to think of your own children; of your own families, friends, and neighbors. And I urge you to do the right thing and vote 'NO' on S 442. Thank you for your time.