

My beautiful boy, Ethan, walked out of our home and out of our lives. He walked to his best friend's house; I did know my beautiful boy was walking towards his death. My beautiful 15-year-old boy was shot in the head with an unsecured gun. The gun owner, the father, stored three guns in a shoebox with the ammunition. Ethan had no chance of survival.

I wasn't allowed to say goodbye to my beautiful boy; the E.R. doctor would not let me. My beautiful boy was unrecognizable, even to my eyes. I begged, you see, I was the first person to welcome him into this world, and I desperately wanted to be the last one to say goodbye, hold his hand, kiss his forehead, tuck him in one last time, and whisper that mommy loves him. Instead, I walked out of the hospital as my beautiful boy was being wheeled to the morgue.

My son is gone, I am a broken mother, I would not wish this pain on my worst enemy-it is unimaginable.

I am writing on behalf of your children, your grandchildren. I am writing to urge Congress to pass [Ethan's Law H.R. 748](#), S. 190. Ethan's Law is simply another child safety legislation. It requires gun owners to secure their weapons if they are not in their immediate control if a minor or unauthorized person can gain access to them. This Law does not take anyone's guns from them.

Gun violence is now the **leading** cause of death in children 0-19 years old. When this country has recognized a threat to our children, it has jumped into action. We have passed child safety legislation before; car seats, seatbelts, backup cameras, smoke detectors, ban infant inclined sleep products, and Sami's Law passed the last session. Sami's Law was passed unanimously- one beautiful college student got into a car she thought was an uber and was murdered. One child was killed, and Congress passed a child safety law.

Why is my beautiful boy means so little to this country? Why does he mean so little to you? Why is it that gun violence is the leading cause of death to our precious children, and Congress is silent?

Pass Ethan's Law; you will be a hero; you will save a life.

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