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Good Morning Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee,

My name is Gayle Farley and I have come before you with deep respect for *you are the ones* that make the decisions that face us everyday. What I am here for is to support this bill, SB40 an amendment to NRS 202.287. You are the only people that can help people like me - or my family.

On October 22, 1999, my only daughter, Kellie Von Urquidy Parry, was murdered. Kellie was shot in the back with a 50 caliber handgun at point blank range by a man named Brandon Allen. Brandon Allen had been arrested numerous times but had never served any time. At one time, he held a loaded gun to his ex-wife's back and then shot the gun into the floor of the house to scare her. NRS 202.287 states that if you shoot a gun outside from inside a structure it is a misdemeanor. However, NRS 202.285 states that if you shoot a gun from outside into a structure is a felony. This just doesn't make sense to me. Why would it be a felony if you shoot from outside to inside but only a misdemeanor for shooting a gun from the inside out?

I feel that if the punishment for this crime were a felony instead of just a misdemeanor perhaps my daughter's death could have been avoided. If Brandon Allen would have spent time in jail he may not have gone as far as he did.

We live in a different world than we did during the time many of our laws were written. If the punishments were stronger many deaths could be avoided. A misdemeanor is merely a slap on the wrist and as in this case made no difference to Brandon Allen. He simply went on and continued with the same behavior.

I thank you for your time and respectfully ask that you pass SB40 in the interest of all of us and our families.

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