

Good evening Chair, Vice Chair and Esteemed Committee members, my name is Tameka Wright and I'm here today to support the MGA Youth Violence Bill. I live in a community where there is violence Non-Stop, and it really hurts my heart to see young and older kids being assaulted or killed because of young teens that were not properly raised and how their actions play out towards other young teens and other people in general. I and my children just a couple of months ago had experience a very bad situation that I would not want anyone to have to participate in, it involved with three young teenagers bullied and jumped my one son over a bike which led, three to five minutes later a whole neighborhood with at least 50 people or more with teenagers all ages of children and with grown adults that had come and assaulted three of my children and myself which had caused one of my kids to get a broken hand, one of my children got tased, and me to have a black eye, and over something that belonged to my son. The whole thing I'm trying to say about this whole situation is that, not only that my family and I get assaulted and hurt, but it could have taken one of our lives, also just speaking on how I see young children and Young adults everyday selling drugs and having violence guns and weapons against one another it's not a good thing, because it can be someone in your family or it even could be you, so I strongly agree on having this bill passed, for as many people that can be involved far as the schools, the juvenile systems, the neighborhoods, and anybody that want to participate, and join in, to all work together and come up with a solution to make young children and teen violence to put a stop to all of this, it's very sad that we are losing our loved ones to different viruses and going through a pandemic as it is, and tomorrow is not promised to any of us, and remember it can be your family that go through this, let's try to work this together and come up with a solution and put it into this, fighting strong for our youth and teens, thank you.