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NyKayla Strawder Memorial Act Testimony

You know..... I thought about all of the words I could say to make this as professional and wholesome as possible, but I'm going to be completely honest, it's rough trying to make such a traumatic and painful experience pretty....because if I'm going to make it look nice while I'm trying to get you to feel me, what good would that do?

It's so easy to say "I understand", or "I feel your pain".....or even "They're in a better place now"....But no one that has not experienced this feeling themselves and the depths of pain that you feel when you lose a loved one to the hands of man with a gun...is devastating.

For me, I've lost cousins my age... and I'm only 27.

My best friend was murdered May 1, 2020 and with that news, I literally lost my mind and ended up in a mental hospital hours later.

His family and myself amongst other friends was fortunate enough to claim justice for that incident on September 30, 2023. The process within itself was exhausting, and dreadful.

However, the detectives on our case worked diligently to solve our case.

Because of many of my experiences of heartache from losing close family and friends to Gun violence, I now passionately advocate for laws and regulations to be implemented in order to gain control over the senseless losses that we experience way too often. I feel that indigenous neighborhoods, mainly the ones submerged in poverty, get put on the back burner of the priority of safety, and our cousins, sisters, brothers, daughters, sons, fathers, mothers, you name it.....

Does NOT get the justice we truly deserve and more effort can be put in to do the very least of serving us to the fullest potential, because bringing them back will never be a thing but we can take every step there is to take to save generations to come and that's what I stand for.