

Hello, my name is Dion Green, and I am from Dayton Ohio, the reason why I am here today to speak on SB36 because on August 4, 2019 there was a mass shooting that took place in the Oregon District claiming 9 people lives and one of them lives was my father Derrick Fudge who was shot and died in my arms that night. The reason why I am asking for this bill to pass through because throughout the process of grieving and trying to maintain my life. I was denied the VOCA due to the fact my father had a record that was 9yrs and 6 months old. But once again like many of us survivors or victims we are the one's living day to day with PTSD and trauma in our life and without proper resources or funds to help individuals get the resources they need are crucial. Mental health is a key component to many survivors because it is a step to recovery and healing but if a survivor cannot afford these services, they are left suffering with trauma that can become dangerous to their self and to others. But I just want you to really consider the impact this can have too many survivors who are able to retain these funds, but also the affect it has on the people who are not able to get the help they need. So, let us work together to help our citizens and our great state of Ohio by offering the resources to make a greater tomorrow. Thank you!