

Senators,

I tried to respond to this bill at the link you have in your letter but the link does not work. In the meantime I certainly hope you will come down against this bill. It is another useless bill that is unenforceable. I am sure the money behind this bill comes from gun safe manufactures. I grew up in a house where all our rifles were leaning in a certain corner or two as we had a lot of rifles. They were always loaded and read for instant use simply by running the bolt and loading a round into the firing chamber. I was taught from the time I was crawling not to touch those guns as they were always loaded and could hurt me or someone very badly. Many times they had to be put to use to shoot predators that were attacking our livestock, there wouldn't have been time to get into a gun safe or remove a gun lock in time to save livestock. The same could be said for defending your house in the city from someone breaking in to rob or harm your and your family. The biggest reason to have a personal firearm is for personal protection and when you need it you need it instantly without gun safes or locks to have to get into or remove. If you want to pass a law to keep kids and people from harm by guns then write one that teaches people and kids in school how to handle guns and how dangerous they can be if not used and respected in the correct manner. Make it a law that parents of kids of any age must take and pass a class on gun safety and use if they want or have guns. Locking them up by law is intruding on our second amendment right to bare arms just a little bit. It is also intruding on our ability to protect ourselves and our family in our homes or on our property. Children must be taught, by their parents, to not mess with any firearms unless supervised by a responsible adult, until at age 12 or later, they take and pass a firearms safety class in school or one given by the county sheriffs department of other organization. Test to include written and oral questions as well as hands on training in handling and shooting of rifles and handguns. Test must be passed and document of passing grade issued by training organization and presented before hunting license can be issued by the state.

This will maybe give you some ideas as to what I went through as a kid of 12 years old to get my hunting license the first time, besides all the training I got from my parents.

Thanks for listening,

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