

Dear Senators,

I strongly urge you to defeat SB 945.

SB 945 is certainly an overreach by lawmakers far removed from the environment of safe gun use and ownership.

If I am at home and remove my concealed firearm to take a shower for instance; why can I not keep the firearm safely behind a locked closet door? If a gun owner is intent on protecting his or her family from an intruder bent on violence; why do they first have to turn on a light, unlock, and then load their firearm when mere seconds can make the difference between life and death? Can I not lock the doors of my truck if I have a rifle inside without trying to fit the rifle in the glove box or use some other secondary locking device? Why should I have to lock up my rifle while in my car if the rifle is unloaded, in a zippered case, and stored safely behind my seat?

If you are truly intent on saving the lives of children (which I doubt this type of a bill could ever do) then why not consider providing firearms safety classes in elementary schools? I recommend the Eddie Eagle GunSafe Program for starters.

Please, I urge you to lay down the politics of revenge, disarming the populace, controlling the people, or whatever else may motivate bills such as this. Most of all, if you are truly concerned about violence in our great nation, I ask you to vehemently search for and address the causes of such violent disregard for human life. Do not simply attack symptoms, put a "check in the box", and move on with utter disregard for those most affected, while the causes still remain.

Sincerely,

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