

Date: April 14, 2015  
To: Oregon Senate Judiciary Committee  
From: Chris Balm, Harrisburg, OR  
RE: Opposition to SB 945

I request that you oppose SB 945 because it is clearly a frivolous and egregious infringement upon the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America. If all firearms are locked when an adult resident is at home, the bill completely eradicates any chance of self-defense capability for a law abiding, tax paying citizen. Remember that law enforcement is only minutes away when seconds count, and that the mission of law enforcement is public safety, not private security. This bill would pit an unarmed citizen who needs to protect him or herself, their family and their property against a criminal home invasion perpetrator who enters with a loaded weapon. To endanger every household and their occupants is not a satisfactory resolution for however many minors are endangered by accessing a firearm. Keep looking for a real solution to the problem you claim is driving the need for this bill.

SB 945 is nothing more than, yet another, swing at the Second Amendment, during a decades-old campaign to force legislation, registration and confiscation of firearms in Oregon, leaving this state with no means of self-defense, and an inadequate law enforcement and military presence to protect it.

I urge and expect you to oppose SB 945 at any and all phases of Oregon legislative procedure.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Chris Balm