

My testimony with regard to Senate Bill 945 follows.

Dear Senators,

Senate Bill 945 will have a chilling effect by forcing all Oregonians to lock-up home defense weapons. That will embolden criminals and other potential intruders, so in the big picture the law would place more children in danger from home-invasions than it will protect.

The idea of the Bill is heart-warming but at its core SB 945 throws our babies out with the bathwater. We can trust and rely on our law enforcement professionals and judges to wade through the comparatively rare specific events and provide justice, including any responsibility parents or other adults should rightfully bear in the specific event.

In the same way that criminals cannot know who may be permitted for concealed carry, the single largest worry keeping most criminals from committing forced-entry into our homes and businesses is the knowledge that people have the state-recognized God-given right to have weapons at-the-ready. If you infringe that right then you are to blame for every home and business invasion in Oregon and the mere fact the law doesn't 'work that way' will not hinder voters.

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