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Oregon State Legislature
Senate Committee
900 Court Street, NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair Senator Floyd Prozanski other committee members,

I am writing this letter in **opposition** of **LC38**. This is not a well thought out act. This act, unfortunately, further penalizes law abiding citizens and gun owners.

I'd like to address some of the following areas of the act.

- Section 3 (1) (a) (A &B) Regarding the trigger lock and storage and having it on when not on the person. If someone is breaking into a house, this does not allow the homeowner time to get said firearm in time to confront criminal and prevent injury to those in the household. This is an imminent threat and you have essentially disarmed us so we are unable to protect ourselves in a timely manner .
- Section 3 (1) (b) (A) Lock or container – Even with the best locks or containers that are locked, there will always be some criminal who can break the lock or container. It is not fair to blame the owner if they have sufficiently had a good effort to secure the firearm.
- Section 3 (3) Holding someone liable for two years if a firearm is stolen is outrageous. It's like if your car was stolen and two years later someone used that car to commit a crime. You don't hold the original owner liable for that crime, but the person who committed it.

With these regulations you are basically penalizing law-abiding citizens for someone else's behavior. This is not appropriate and should not happen. Gun safety is a must and responsible gun owners follow the rules. However, criminals do not. By passing this act, or any anti-gun bill, you are allowing the criminals to win. Did you know that there are four safety steps that every responsible gun owner knows? These steps/rules are as follows: 1. Always assume a gun is loaded, 2. Never let the muzzle cover something you are not willing to destroy, 3. Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are on the target and 4. Be sure of your target and what is behind it.

It is important that we have the ability to protect ourselves. I currently work in an area where safety is a concern. Besides having my car stolen, cars have been broken into, there have been stabbings within 5-6 blocks. By putting this act in place, it does not allow me, or others to protect ourselves.

Please do not go forward with this act.

Sincerely,

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