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To: SJUD Exhibits

Subject: Testimony for LC 38: Vote No

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Hello,

I'm writing to let my opinion be known about the upcoming LC38 bill...In summary, that this bill SHOULD NOT be passed.

I am most perturbed by the points in the bill that make me liable for injuries caused after having sold a firearm to another adult if that sale does not include a cable lock.

So, what you're saying is, that this other adult must be legally able to buy the weapon, pass the background check, pay the fees, have their fingerprints recorded by the state, and then be fully responsible for the weapon they just purchased...but because I sold it without a lock, I am actually responsible for any injuries they cause?

Does that really seem right to you?

Additionally, my arms are kept secure - primarily because I have a toddler. The key to the cabinet is in easy reach for myself or my wife in case, God forbid, we ever need to retrieve a firearm promptly. So, you mean to tell me, that after a felon has already broken into my house and stolen my things, that because that key was in a place of utility for myself and my wife, that I will be held liable for that thief's actions?

Does that really seem right to you?

It is clear as day that this bill seeks to place additional financial burdens on gun owners for actions not even committed by them, in the hopes of simply creating less gun owners. Why else would you burden a person for another's actions? We don't do this when it comes to driving, drinking, or the sale, use, or theft of any other thing because a person, at the end of the day, is responsible for their own actions. Period.

When you want to get serious about this issue from a non political perspective, you'll invite witness testimony for both sides of the debate and attempt to get at a real solution. Does creating a Democratic sponsored bill and then only hearing from Democrats really seem fair to you? If your son and daughter got in a fight, would you only let your daughter speak her side of the story?

Everything about this is simply unfair, from the process to the words of the bill laying blame for actions uncommitted by a citizen acting in full accordance with the law.

Frankly, you should be ashamed of yourselves.

If you ever decide to be fair and bring witness testimony from the other side, I would be more than happy to volunteer.

Sincerely,

--Corey Harding