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To: Oregon Legislature.

Subject: "Concept 38."

"Concept 38" is a terribly flawed idea. Keeping firearms locked up will certainly not help in the case of a criminal home invasion, for example. Can you just see the poor "law-hobbled" citizen begging the criminal not to attack them until they are able to retrieve and unlock their firearm? Obviously, the law abiding citizen will be completely at the mercy of the evil doer, and it is a well-known fact that criminals just aren't in the habit of showing mercy!

So, this law, if passed, would help criminals, not law abiding citizens. Terrible idea!

And how about the part of the proposed law that says that guns must be locked when selling, giving etc. to someone in a legitimate and lawful exchange, while specifying that the original owner is liable for any criminal use of an unlocked firearm for two years? This appears to mean that if a person legally transfers a firearm to someone, the receiving party must keep the lock on it for two years to protect the original owner! HUH?

This whole "Concept 38" is just plain ludicrous! And, even worse, it is a piece of legislation that is aimed at honest citizens rather than criminals. It won't bother criminals at all. In fact, it will make it easier and safer for them to commit crimes against defenseless people.

Let's just go ahead and call this out for what it is, shall we? This is a bold attack on the 2nd. Amendment of the United States Constitution and the inalienable rights of the citizens of the State of Oregon. It is, clearly, an infringement of the Constitution, which is the supreme law of the land, according to Article VI of that document.

Therefore, I ask the legislature to immediately remove "Concept 38" from consideration and move on to proposals that will actually benefit our people!

Most Sincerely,

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