HB 2505 Testimony

To: Chair Williamson, Vice Chair Gorsek, Vice-Chair Sprenger, and members of the House Judiciary Committee.

My name is Elaine Woods, I am resident of Beaverton, and want to testify in opposition to HB 2505.

I object to the requirement that home storage include a trigger lock for the firearm and for the gun to also be in a locked container with a tamper proof lock.

This requirement puts every homeowner and renter at great risk, even if they legally own and carefully secure their guns from unauthorized access. If someone were to break into my home, I would not have time to unlock the gun safe and then remove the trigger lock in order to access the gun to protect myself. This is especially true in stressful situations.

The average response time in the Beaverton area seems to be from 6-10 minutes. A lot can happen in six minutes. If I am in danger, I want simply to be able to open my gun safe quickly to defend myself.

By hampering the safety of every responsible gun owner, you are endangering the very citizens that you are elected to this office to serve. If you were to approve this law, you would force us to choose between complying with a dangerous law or commit what you would be labeling a crime – the ability to protect myself and my family.

I have always obeyed the law. Criminals do not care what the law says. They will always manage to get a weapon of some kind to harm the defenseless. Personally, I will choose

Please do the right thing for your constituents and the people of Oregon and vote NO on HB 2505. Thank you.

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