

To whom it may concern and with all due respect, I would like to submit the following opinion regarding HB 4005:

As a longtime military officer and a retired Law Enforcement supervisor, it greatly disappoints me to see such a grossly misaimed effort put forth. The notion that a defensive firearm must be rendered not immediately accessible in the owner's home is completely ludicrous and completely foreign to the right of self-defense.

As a former Chief Firearms Instructor, I can tell you that most of the secure firearms storage devices involve an element of delay and require level of fine motor skill to deploy that are simply not compatible with the reality of moments of extreme adrenalized stress and fear.

Further, the notion that we should hold a victim of a home invasion or burglary responsible for what the criminal does with the stolen property is outrageous. It amounts to victimizing the citizen twice...once by the criminal and then by the State.

What truly appalls me about this Bill is how completely mean-spirited and vindictive it is. Intended, far more, to punish the victim of a crime than the criminal. That's certainly not the legal system that I served in my Law Enforcement career and not a system that I want to live under.

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