

Honorable Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

I am writing in opposition to HB 4005, as a responsible gun owner, Oregon citizen and active voter. This bill will single-handily turn thousands of law-abiding, responsible gun owners into criminals overnight just by doing what Americans have done since before the Revolution: keeping a defensive firearm in their home to defend themselves and their family against all who would do them harm. A firearm locked up, is not a defensive firearm; it is a part of the estate of a deceased family that has been invaded by criminals. There is no time to find a key, dial a lock or dial 911, when someone breaks down your door.

I'm certain as politicians, you do not need a civics lesson from me, but please remember, the Founding Fathers were not so much worried about crime when they wrote the 2nd Amendment, they were more concerned with the tyranny of governments, and rightly so. Restriction of arms, is always the first act of a dictatorial government.

I understand the problem you're trying to solve. Turning citizens into criminals is not the way to do it. It is a very simplistic, ineffective, non-answer to a complex, difficult problem. Thanks for your time.

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