

I am in Support of HB4005

Honorable Representatives, Sollman, Prusak, Keny-Guyer, Senator Dembrow, Burdick, Rayfield, Manning Jr. et all.

My name is Jaime Carleton and I am a member of the National Organization for women who has a strong stance against domestic violence. I am also a domestic violence survivor and mother.

I was fortunate enough to live through a situation when my abuser and ex-husband was in a fit of rage. He came angrily into our kitchen, forced me to get on my knees and held a loaded shotgun to my head. At the time, our youngest daughter, who was only 14 months old, walked into the room, distracting her father with her presence. I believe this action saved my life, but all of us could have been killed. My children and I are lucky to have lived through this incident as well as other domestic violence incidents perpetuated by him.

The trauma still lives deeply inside of me and impacts me and my family to this very day. In fact the effects of this gun violence from my abuser caused me to be awarded disability. It's been 38 years, and I still struggle with the trauma and PTSD from gun violence.

Secure storage will save children's lives. Laws that require and seek responsible behavior are not to punish people but to save people's lives.

My children could of been killed.

I am for every citizens rights. Children that are unable to speak up for themselves.

Secure storage makes sense.

I urge you to please pass HB4005.

Thank You

Respectfully

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