Please vote "NO" on HB 4005

Use common sense and follow FBI statics and understand that legal gun owners are not the problem in Oregon.

Put more strength in current laws dealing with repeat offenders and felons using guns against innocent people and in other crimes.

Eliminate bargaining down charges for criminals whom continue to do harm to the law abiding citizens of Oregon.

I am a life long Oregonian. Born here, educated here through college. My wife was born here too. She and I both received degrees from OSU as well as our two daughters. I founded my own successful company and retired from it after 30+ years. We still live in Salem.

I trained our daughters to handle firearms safely and they both successfully completed Oregon Hunter Education when they were still in grade school. Today they are professionals in their fields. They are able to protect themselves if needed with a firearm. They are both proficient at shooting and handling firearms. Both daughters have years of experience shooting with me and are excellent shots.

Having House Bill 4005 is a bad bill. Locking up and securing firearms in the home is useless against intruders. Who knows when that intruder will actually break in your home? No one knows that. How about when you are leaving a market or shopping center? Time is of the essence in protection of life from the one who intends harm to you. Taking time to unlock a weapon during a home invasion is a death sentence for the homeowner.

Ask yourself a simple question? If an active shooter came into your home and started shooting, what would you do? Take out your cell phone and call for help from the police? It takes an average 10 minutes or more for them to arrive. What injuries or death can that intruder inflict in those 10 minutes?

Do you think a responsible gun owner could unlock his gun before tragedy struck in mere seconds? That answer is NO. A legal, responsible gun owner would immediately arm himself or herself and rightly defend themselves if that gun was unlocked.

A recent event in Texas proves my point. An armed intruder entered a church, pulled out a shotgun and killed two church members. Luckily the church had a defensive plan of action and one member, using his gun, shot and killed this would be mass murderer. This legal gun owner saved an estimated 200 lives that day. His gun was not locked but locked and loaded for his protection as well as his church members. This ordeal lasted just seconds.

Stand by your oath of office and the Constitution of Oregon as well as The United States of America.

Be a law maker not a law breaker. HB 4005 is a bad bill.

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