

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I am writing this because I am deeply concerned with a proposed bill you will soon be voting on, HB4005. I understand that you were elected to your position and I truly respect that. I can only imagine the stress of being a public political representative. Trying to find the best way to legislate positive change and keep constituents safe and happy. Where I and many others see a problem is when emotion, especially brought on and flames fanned by the media, is allowed to influence/create policy decisions without logic. These emotional views create illogical perceptions to "quick fixes". This proposed bill like many others in the past, does nothing but divide us against one another and try to criminalize one side because the other side doesn't understand and utilize their 2nd Amendment Right.

This bill proposes ridiculous policy that will have wide reaching negative effects. Can we please enforce the laws we already have? This bill not only forces you to lock up your self-defense firearms, it punishes you even if you DO lock up firearms. While it penalizes gun owners if their firearms are stolen, it does nothing to penalize gun thieves. Why isn't there more discussion about firearm safety and instruction, such as Hunter Safety Courses or some classroom instruction as to what to do when a child finds an improperly secured firearm at a friend's house. This type of instruction will actually do something positive. Why don't we legislate for an incentive program to promote firearm safety, safe handling and storage practices? Why can we not promote positive incentivizing bills that make approved gun safes/safety courses/background checks a tax write off or credit.

This proposed anti-gun bill is nothing more than another step towards criminalizing good people that are gun owners. Maybe we should look at the true problems; non-existent parenting, drugs, gangs in our city's, violent video games and media that is pushed with no morals whatsoever. The elephant in the room is so obvious yet nobody identifies it because we are habituated to seeing these things.

We will not stand for our Rights to be dismantled and our safety jeopardized. My family and I beg you, please **Vote NO on HB4005!!!**

Sincerely,



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