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SENATE MAJORITY LEADER**

DATE: February 7, 2020
TO: Honorable Representative Sanchez, Chair
House Judiciary Committee
FROM: Senate Majority Leader Ginny Burdick
SUBJECT: House Bill 4005

Chair Sanchez and Members of the Committee, for the record, my name is Ginny Burdick. I represent the people of Senate District 18, which includes the city of Tigard and portions of West Portland.

I'm here today to enthusiastically support House Bill 4005. This bill requires that firearms are stored securely and safely so they are not easily accessible to children, someone with a criminal history or someone who is at risk of self-harm or has suicidal intentions. In Oregon, an average of 28 children and teens die by guns every year, and 69% of those deaths are suicides.

Some of my gun-owning constituents have come to my office with their concerns over HB 4005, many of which were due to misinformation. The largest piece of misinformation is about the requirement to report a lost or stolen firearm. People are being told that if they do not report their firearm stolen immediately, they will be punished. This bill provides a 72-hour window to report a stolen or lost firearm before liability attaches. This is just one of several concerns brought to my office about this bill. Once these constituents heard what this bill would actually do, they were reassured and many of them became supportive.

Oregon loses, on average, one person a day to gun violence. This bill would be another important step forward in ensuring firearms are used safely and responsibly in Oregon. We cannot afford to wait.

I strongly urge your support for House Bill 4005.

