

Dear House Judiciary Members,

I strongly oppose House Bill 4005 as it severely, and I believe unconstitutionally, impairs my ability to defend myself and my family in my own home due to its provisions requiring that I must lock up or trigger lock all firearms that I'm not actively carrying at all times. This effectively renders me defenseless in my own home, unless I can arrange for armed intruders/burglars to wait for me to obtain and unlock my firearm first. It also promises to expose me to legal liability for any clever thief who manages to break into my home and steal my firearm(s) for any action taken with the stolen firearm for 2 years. This violates all standards of common sense and personal accountability in our American legal tradition of jurisprudence, not to mention that it effectively negates our U.S. Constitutional 2nd Amendment individual right to keep and bear arms that was once again reaffirmed by the U.S. Supreme Court in [Heller vs. District of Columbia in 2008](#). This will have the effect of reassuring actual criminals (who, by the way, don't follow laws, by definition) that they can look forward to the safe, unimpeded entry into the homes of Oregonians - and will lead to more violent home invasions and the deaths of too many law-abiding citizens of our state.

I strongly urge you to completely reject this fatally flawed and unconstitutional House Bill 4005.

Sincerely,
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