

I am writing you in opposition to HB 4005.

Safe gun storage is in everyone's interest, it is a sound idea. To put a sound idea into law requires specifics and HB 4005 is so vague on the details, for required locking and storage devices at a minimum, that it doesn't warrant consideration. How is a bill being considered for a vote when there are no specified requirements for adherence or violation should this bill become law? It is concerning that our lawmakers are deferring the ability to make laws to unelected people, what happened to our democracy?

The liability clause of HB 4005 is also concerning. To expose lawful gun owners, who may have made a good faith effort to be in compliance of a vague law, to liability for years after they have been robbed is unthinkable. Is this level of liability applied to any other victims of crime, regardless of what they have stolen from them? It would seem that this liability for gun owners is excessively onerous in order to serve as a deterrent to gun ownership, a right protected by Oregon.

Thank you for your time,

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