

My name is Aquila, I am an Oregonian, veteran, responsible gun owner, and law abiding citizen. I am speaking out against HB 2510. This bill will do nothing but further hinder law abiding citizens. Firearms stored in this manner will leave innocent victims at the mercy of their assailants. When seconds matter a cable lock will prevent any immediate use of that firearm, this could ultimately lead to death for the victim and once again allowing the criminal to win. Transporting a firearm in the same manner is just as useless. A cable lock, trigger lock, or a locked container will not prevent the firearm from being stolen, the criminal will just steal the container or cut the lock. A lock will only deter a lazy thief. A lock is nothing more than a slight hinderance for a thief. In this bill it is mentioned that this will not apply to police officers. I ask why not? Do police officers have immunity from theft? Once again this proves this bill will only apply to law abiding citizens further restricting their rights. Everyone has the right to be free from gun violence but, by the same token everyone has their birth given right for self defense. To even enforce this ruling, officers would have to inspect every gun owners house. This in itself violates the 4th Amendment, unless you have a warrant. Requiring a warrant would require probable cause. Probable cause will require the issuer of the warrant to suspect there is a law being broke or potentially be broken. That would label law abiding gun owners in Oregon as potential criminals. Private gun ownership in Oregon makes up 50.8% of all households. This would require search warrants for potentially 2 million homes. Not only would this be a waste a time, it would also be a waste of resources. This would require Police officers to leave their normal duties to inspect homes instead of being in their communities protecting them from criminals. I am completely opposed to this bill, and any further bills that will hinder law abiding citizens in this state from using any means to protect themselves. Oregon citizens will not remain a victim to system that will cater to criminals.