

Dear Committee Members,

I urge you to recognize this proposed legislation for what it is and that being a further attempt to usurp the second amendment rights of citizens of the United States which have been guaranteed to each and to never let it out of committee. As a trained gunowner I can testify to the fact that an inaccessible firearm is no longer a means of protection when needed most. The 2nd amendment was written to guarantee the citizens of this nation the right to protect themselves as needed. Forcing law abiding citizens to lock up firearms dilutes that right and as such is contrary to the 2nd amendment therefore should be recognized as unlawful. Adding a strict liability clause shifts the blame for unlawful actions committed by a thief to the innocent victim of the original crime of someone having a firearm stolen. This is not in hopes of preventing crime but in fact another method to punish those that lawfully own guns in an attempt to intimidate and control those gun owners and ultimately take them away. I urge each member of this committee to oppose this legislative proposal.