

Dear House Committee on Healthcare,

In 2019, a very dangerous man, high on drugs and very mentally ill broke into my office. He crossed the room and yanked my security camera out of the wall. He then proceeded to attack my husband.

Because I am trained and because my firearm was immediately accessible, I was able to catch his attention in a hurry with the barrel of my pistol pointed at him. I backed him out of the door and locked it tightly. He stood at my door, threatening me for 21 minutes until the police arrived and took him away.

He had an extensive rap sheet, including a charge for "assault with a deadly weapon".

If I hadn't been able to access my gun QUICKLY, my husband I could have both become mere statistics and victims of REAL violent crime.

I'm a 55 year old mother. As I was, my children were taught firearm safety and proper use of a gun at a very early age. It's a parent's duty to teach

their kids about such things. We never, ever had to worry about our kids around firearms.

When you require that guns always be locked away, you take away my right to protect my family if a need arises quickly as it did for me. I didn't have time to

ask the attacker to "hold on while I unlock my safe and retrieve my gun".

True victims don't have that kind of time.

Please. Please vote NO on this bill so that people like me can protect themselves. Our world is growing more violent and unsafe on an almost daily basis.

We NEED to be able to have instant access...and forcing us to lock them at all times takes away our constitutional right to bear arms to protect ourselves.

Sincerely,
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