

Dear Representatives;

I have never been convicted of a crime nor have I ever been suspected of a crime. I am a law-abiding citizen. I also carry a Concealed Handgun License (CHL). This House Bill most likely will make me into a Felon. Just because I keep a handgun in my home to protect my family. It is not locked nor will it ever be locked. I want to be able to put my hands on it in the dead of night to protect my family by any way means possible without fumbling around in the dark of night for a key to unlock a trigger guard or cable lock. My family means more to me than anything in the world. You pass this House Bill you leave me and thousands more honest law-abiding citizens in jeopardy.

Trigger Locks and cable locks can easily be defeated. Burglars & Felons know this. They are laughing at you knowing what crazy stupid this is and innocent families will now be unprotected. But, the crux of this is if the guns have been burgled with a Trigger Guard or cable lock and the Burglars cut it off, the homeowner who they stole it from is now a felon because of this House Bill. This is Insane, the homeowner of the firearm followed your rules, they bought the Trigger Guard or Cable lock that you specified and it was install and now that the firearm or firearms are out of the actual Owners hands, he is now a Felon.

The other part of this Bill that makes no sense is how is someone going to prove that within two years after a firearm is legally transferred and it is stolen and the person that stole the firearm commits a crime & that it had a trigger lock or cable lock during the legal transfer? Your Bill holds the original Transferee liable within that two years and he now becomes a felon. Is that fair? Is that really a good law you really want?

We have enough Gun Laws in this State! What we need to do is enforce the existing laws. Prosecute the people that actually break these laws and give them stiff sentences instead of slapping their hands and releasing them. This State has become a Cesspool of crime because Felons are not prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. It's time you do your Job and make sure the existing Gun Laws are obeyed and Judges and District Attorneys uphold these laws!!

Respectfully Yours,
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