

I urge support for SB554-A20 to increase safety for all in public buildings and in our homes.

Safe storage is vital to keep firearms out of the hands of children or others contemplating using a firearm for suicide. This bill reduces the opportunity for these tragedies. It encourages responsible behavior, does not punish gun owners. This bill does not criminalize irresponsible storage, but rather, results in civil penalties for individuals who fail to responsibly store their firearms in an effort to prevent children, people with violent criminal histories, and those who are at risk of harming themselves or others from gaining access to a firearm.

Also, this bill ensures that citizens are safe and feel safe from firearm use in public places where they conduct business or participate in our democratic process. Too often this year, we have seen people display their firearms in public places to intimidate others and possibly resulting in harm. This is unacceptable.

Gun safety measures are vital to decrease death and injury from firearms in our daily lives. Public buildings are no place for firearms.

Please pass this bill during this session.

Thank you,

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