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I object to the firearm storage provisions of the bill's revisions.

1) The bill will waste law enforcement resources chasing citizens who may not have followed the letter of the law in reporting a theft. They will be inclined to go after the low-hanging fruit of a citizen who didn't report a theft in a timely manner in lieu of REAL criminals who perpetrate crimes.

2) The bill further victimizes those whose property was burglarized or who were subject to a forcible entry resulting in a firearm theft. Holding innocents responsible for a criminal who subsequently pulls the trigger is a poor use of law enforcement and Dept of Corrections resources and criminalizes good people.

3) The bill removes effective use of a firearm for self defense. A firearm used for self defense against burglaries and home invasions must be readily available and not separated from the user by a trigger lock, combination, or a key. These will be difficult for the homeowner under stress to overcome. There are other ways for a firearm to be kept away from children and others without the state prescribed methods. Note that in many households there haven't been minors in the house in a decade (mine).

4) Consider including gun owners in the writing of the bill so as to not appear ignorant of that which the state seeks to control, er, regulate. Consider including law enforcement in drafting bills that you will want them to enforce. Does law enforcement consider knowledge that a gun was stolen as useful? Is it state regulators that wish to collect metrics on stolen guns, and who will criminalize those who don't comply? This is NOT an emergency.

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~Sent throughout the firmament