

Hello, my name is Kerry Selby, and I am a resident of Portland, Oregon.

Like many citizens who become passionately engaged in activism around a specific issue, I had a “moment of crystallization” that took me from bystander to advocate.

It was in the summer of 2014, when a 15-year-old boy took a firearm to Reynolds High School, killed another 14-year-old student, then turned the gun on himself.

My brother-in-law is a teacher at Reynolds, and when I first heard the breaking news, I instantly reached for the phone to make sure he was safe. Thankfully we was, but that is not the case with many gun violence survivors and families that I have met in this work for gun violence prevention, and it is to them I dedicate my volunteer activism.

Secure storage is a common-sense practice that will save lives, and may have prevented the teen Reynolds shooter from obtaining his firearm. It also creates an accountability for the serious responsibility of owning a firearm, no different in my mind than the accountability we have for keeping our vehicles secured and safe on the road.

I urge a yes vote to send HB4005 forward.

Thank you.

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