

I submit this written testimony in opposition to the onerous provisions of HB 4005. On its face, the authors of this bill desire to increase the safety surrounding firearms. However, not only does this bill embody unconstitutional overreach, it creates legal jeopardy for responsible, law-abiding citizens who have not done anything wrong, nor hurt anyone.

Regarding the provision creating legal jeopardy for an individual who transfers a firearm without a trigger lock, this is just ridiculous. The very idea of imposing this requirement is like imposing legal jeopardy on an individual who sells a car without a steering wheel lock and then holding the previous owner responsible if said car is broken into and stolen later. It is preposterous and inane on its face. Regarding locking requirements at home. No lock is impossible to defeat. Even if someone did have trigger locks on their firearms, all that is being done is reducing their ability to defend themselves and their loved ones. The administrative branch of the State of Oregon does not have the knowledge or the right to dictate how a citizen of this state should safely lock up a firearm. Nor does it increase safety to force citizens to render their self defense firearms useless. By implementing these requirements, the State of Oregon is aiding and abetting criminals by removing the law-abiding citizen's ability to protect their loved ones and making it safer for criminals to execute a home invasion.

Sincerely,
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