

**House Bill 4005 attempts to punish gun owners for the dirty deeds of criminal thieves as well as individuals that may act irresponsibly after a gun is sold.**

**If someone steals a car and commits a crime with it, do we hold the crime victim responsible. Of course not! To do so would be absurd; however, that's exactly what this bill would do to gun owners.**

**In Orwellian twist, the bill also appears to punish citizens even if you do lock your guns up—making it a lose-lose situation for law-abiding gun owners that simply want to defend themselves.**

**Additionally, the existing reckless endangerment and child endangerment laws in Oregon should be sufficient to charge anyone that behaves dangerously.**

**The fact that a prosecutor may exercise discretion in not prosecuting these individuals or may not have enough evidence to do so is another matter entirely.**

**Juries that choose to convict, or not to convict under the existing law should be a judicial matter—and also a matter left best to the counties that elect their own prosecutors.**

**Having good intentions isn't an excuse to have laws that do not engender the**

**HB 4005 is merely an attack on crime victims and the right to keep and bear arms.**

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