

Chair, Vice Chair and Members of the Committee,

For starters, there is no emergency. The emergency clause, which has been included in 552 bills this session, is only being used to prevent the voters from having a say. It appears that most of the members of this body think that they are our betters and know so much more than we do. That said, this bill is ridiculous. My home IS a locked container and my car IS a locked container. Requiring a locking device or container inside another locked container, my home or car, is just another form of control to exert on the average person. As far as the liability issue is concerned, consider this: The person stealing my property commits 1 crime trespassing on my property, another crime breaking into my home or car, a third crime stealing my property and then uses my property to commit a fourth crime. That's 4 crimes committed and for that I am liable for the acts of the criminal that stole my property. My only defense is to prove that my property was secured. How do I prove that? If a cable lock was cut, how do I prove it was on the property to begin with. If a lock was picked or a window broken how do I prove the criminal broke the window or picked the lock. Where is the presumed innocence? Additionally, this bill does not address the criminal or their acts at all. This is yet another attempt at tyrannical gun control. Please VOTE NO on this atrocity.

Respectfully