

Dear house committee on health care,

I wanted to voice my opposition to HB2510. This bill is a flagrant abuse of law abiding Oregonians and should not be considered. In a person's home they should be able to be in charge of their own home and be free to store their firearms as they see fit. This is a free country. My family stores their firearms safely and they are locked up when we are not home. We make sure they are inaccessible to children and don't need the government to legislate common sense to us.

Also, if some criminal manages to get past our home security and robs us that doesn't make us the criminals. That is something that should be common sense. People are killed or injured by knives and hammers. Should a person be held responsible if a stolen hammer smashes someone's thumb? It's not the tool it's the intent.

I'm sorry if I sound negative, however there are many things that should be focused on during this session. Oregonians are hurting. Many people are out of work. Many have lost their homes due to the forest fires of last summer. Elderly and high risk people need to be vaccinated against covid 19. Our kids need to get back to school. Lonely and lost teenagers are committing suicide in alarming numbers. People are abusing drugs because they lost hope. That's what we need to put the state's resources into. Thank you for your time .

Sincerely,
Steven Garrish, Albany Oregon resident