

My name is Kelly Burke, I live in Portland and am the parent of two teens. I am writing to urge you to support, fully endorse and strengthen HB 2510, which would create a secure storage law that requires gun owners to store their firearms securely when a firearm is not on their person.

I was raised by an avid gun collector and grew up in a house full of guns. I feel very fortunate that my father also believed firmly in gun safety, keeping all items in his collection locked and secure at all times with ammunition also secured in a separate and locked safe. During a depressive phase of my teen years, his gun safety practices saved my life. So much of suicide is impulse and opportunity. That I never had access to a gun kept me alive long enough to seek help.

Please endorse HB 2510. It's a matter of health, safety, and saving lives.