

Please pass HB2510 out of committee and do everything you can to support its passage into law. Asking gun owners to safely secure their firearm is logical and common sense. My father is an ex Marine and he fought in the Vietnam War. He always safely stored his gun away from me, as his child. He valued my life and didn't want me to end up hurting myself as a child, by accidentally getting a hold of it unmonitored. However, when we had an attempted break in, he was easily able to access his gun and protect us while calling the police. Stowing the gun away safely did not interfere with his access to guns. He now owns 4 guns and all are kept locked and safely put away.

Equally as a teacher, who for several years now has had to practice active shooter drills/lock down drills, it's terrifying when children ask, "Are we really going to die?" Almost all of our children in schools today are aware that school shootings exist. Lawmakers must be accountable to the public for the lack of health and safety regulation of the firearms industry. Guns are virtually the last unregulated consumer product. Accidental shootings from children finding unlocked/unstowed away guns, school shootings, workplace shootings and mass shootings are America's future until bills such as HB2510 are passed to keep everyone safer. I am not asking to take gun owners rights away, I am just asking for safety to be made a priority by creating rules around owning guns to keep everyone safe.