

To the Members of House Committee on Health Care:

It was just over a year ago (Feb. 7, 2020) that I went to Salem and testified in support of legislation for securing firearms with a trigger lock or cable and storing said firearms in a safe and secure manner. Since that time, our world has been turned upside down, so much has happened. So much has changed.

What hasn't changed is the reluctance to enact common sense practical gun safety legislation. What hasn't changed are the arguments both for and against this legislation. What hasn't changed is the pain, grief and guilt felt from my son's death by suicide nearly 3 years ago.

Incidences of depression, isolation and suicidal ideations have only risen in the past year. I do not possess the power to enact change as you do. You are the ones who will need to find within yourselves the space for further consideration of HB 2510. Your power, your responsibility, your ability to make Oregon a safer state is within your vote. I urge you to support HB 2510.

Sincerely,

Jeff Matsumoto.