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Link to video with firearm security boxes - if Colorado can do it - so can Oregon:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0lbnJD5Bee8>

Link to video that could easily be added to all CHL training classes:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zR7JLE15wt0&t=3s>

This HB will use taxpayers money - I live in Metro Multnomah County - I pay a lot in taxes and I would be happy to see some of my tax dollars go towards something that will make a difference.

My name is Donna-Marie Drucker, I am the co-founder and president of the Oregon Firearm Safety Coalition, the coordinator for Together with Veterans NW Oregon, and the co-chair for the Oregon Alliance to prevent suicide Lethal Means Safety committee. I'm also a survivor of a youth suicide attempt, and the only reason I am alive today is because when I looked for my father's handguns - they were gone. This didn't prevent my attempt - but it was the difference between living and dying that night.

Firearms are 90% lethal when used for a means for suicide and account for over 50% of all fatal suicides in Oregon, in fact, 75%-80% of all firearm deaths in Oregon are suicide. So if we want to prevent firearm death we have to address suicide, and the best way to do this is to look at research and evidence based practices, and research from America and beyond tells us that the best way to save lives is to create time and distance from a person at risk for suicide and a firearm - and the gold standard for time and distance is to store firearms outside of the home.

We have been working to develop an offsite storage map for the past 2.5 years, but often when we ask gun shops if they would hold firearms they tell us that they want to, but they can't because the law doesn't allow for it., and they can't risk losing their license.

HB3513 will enable Oregon to develop offsite storage and formalize how friends and family members can hold firearms for loved ones if needed.

I truly believe that HB3513 will help to save lives, it will reduce our suicide rates, and it will reduce gun deaths - we are already seeing such results from states like Louisiana that passed similar law in 2021, who are now successfully building offsite storage

networks through their state.

I know that firearms are a dividing topic - but there are some facts that we can all agree on - no one wants loved ones to die by suicide, and that time and distance saves lives - so please, remember that about 80% of gun deaths are suicide, and HB3513 gives us a path to turn that number around and save lives.

Thank you.