

Chairperson Craven and Members of House Judiciary Committee,

I am writing you today to say that I oppose House bill 7373.

The bill should require firearms to be locked up when a child is in the home. Otherwise, firearm owners should have to right to do what they want in their own home.

I do not have children and I do not need to lockup my firearms when I am home. If/when a child does come into my home I, as a responsible firearm owner, always make sure my firearm is on my hip or locked within a safe.

If I must always lock up my firearm, it could be deadly for me and my wife. God forbid a situation occurs and I encounter a need for my firearm. If I must go to the safe to retrieve it, I will most likely be dead before reaching the safe. My firearm is an insurance policy for my safety. Without it my life could be in danger.

This is a bad bill and SHOULD NOT be voted out of committee and moved forward to the House floor for a vote.

Respectfully,

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