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To All House Representatives,

I am writing to state my opposition to House bill H7373

There is already a law targeting the consideration and protection of children from firearms on the books. Every responsible owner of firearms that I know keeps their firearms secure for several reasons, including the protection of children that may be present. Restricting access by lawful citizens to their life-saving firearms IN THEIR HOME will not stop reckless people from being reckless.

This bill was in committee a couple of years ago, and the Speaker of House wanted to compromise by converting the bill to allow for a sales tax credit for

anyone purchasing a safe. This is a good plan, which will help taxpayers with their purchase of secure cabinets and safes so unattended firearms will be kept away from unauthorized users.

In addition to a tax incentive program, I suggest that the General Assembly and AG ask local media to provide spots to promote the purchase of safes and other safety devices to build awareness. Another suggestion is to adopt a program like Eddie Eagle from the NRA.

(Description from the Eddie Eagle main page) "The Eddie Eagle GunSafe® program is a gun accident prevention program that seeks to help parents, law enforcement, community groups and educators navigate a topic paramount to our children's safety. Eddie and his Wing Team are on a mission to help you teach Pre-K through 4th graders what to do if they ever come across a gun..."

<https://eddieeagle.nra.org/>

I used Eddie Eagle principles when my son was young. I exposed him to my firearms in a controlled setting and educated him on the dangers when improperly handled. Our home was always a safe place for him to grow up. Teaching children morals, ethical behavior; and following solid principles are the best way to ensure safety in the home.

Good faith and compromise should be part of the legislative process. We all want to protect children's safety, but law-abiding citizens should not be penalized for having access to life-saving firearms.

House Bill No. [7373](#)

BY Caldwell, Knight, Fellela, Batista, Boylan, Kazarian, Fogarty, Stewart, McEntee, Handy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC4005/1}
(Requires safe storage of firearms/provides civil and criminal penalties for violations/adds rifles and shotguns to the types of firearms requiring a trigger lock to be included with purchase/requires

firearms dealers post signs regarding safe storage.)
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**Thank you,
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