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To: House Judiciary Committee

In support of H7373: To require all firearms to be stored securely

Dear Members of the Committee,

I have heard testimony in past years opposing these bills for reasons of self defense. I believe self defense is not only a right but a duty. That is why I am urging the Senate to make our state safer for our families by requiring safe storage and stopping the importation and manufacture of more deadly weapons.

- When I was young the legal drinking age was 18, but that was raised when the accident rate went up. The legal alcohol limit has gone down so that we can all be safer on the roads.
- Seat belts were not always mandatory. When I was an Emergency Medical Technician I saw more than one driver leave a star on the windshield when their head struck the glass. Now that we know more about the damage that head injury can cause, mandating seat belts is even more beneficial. The same is true for motorcycle helmets.
- Smoking in public places is restricted, so that non-smokers, especially children, have less exposure to the health risks of cigarettes.
- Medications have child safety caps, because we have a lower tolerance for child poisonings than we do for child shootings.
- School buses have safety features because we don't tolerate children being run over if we can prevent it.

All of these were opposed to some degree, many of these laws were seen as an attack on our rights and loudly opposed, but over time became part of our normal life.

I never drive under the influence, but knowing that the limit is 0.08 is a motivator to be extra careful. The consequences of being stopped for being over the limit seem more real than the likelihood of a terrible accident. That's human nature. No parent thinks that owning a gun could cost them their child, but making safe storage part of the culture by making it a law can be the extra motivation a responsible gun owner needs.

Please vote for keeping deadly weapons in safe storage.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,  
Nancy Green