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Cc: Rep. Chippendale, Michael W.; Rep. Fenton-Fung, Barbara Ann
Subject: 2024 - H7373 Sub A

To House Judiciary Committee and Administrator,

Please include this email expressing my opposition as stated below.

I am writing to state my opposition to House bill H7373 Sub A

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. The principal sponsor of the bill stomped out of committee in protest and withdrew the bill, which proves that this bill is not about safety to her and the other sponsors, it is merely about control over citizens. If the rep cared about safety, she would have gone along with the compromise at least as a first step measure. 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.

Good faith and compromise should be part of the legislative process. We all want to protect children's safety. Forcing citizens to render themselves helpless to intruders by locking up their firearms is not the answer.

House Bill No. 7373 Sub A

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.)

Thank you,

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