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To: Chair, Representative Prusak
Vice Chair, Representative Hayden
House Committee on Health Care

From: Kerry Spurgin
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Regarding: OPPOSITION to HB2510



On behalf of OSSA, Oregon hunters. and citizens, I would like to testify, AGAINST HB2510 which implements legislation that, in its writing, prevents home defense and prevents one from exercising their 2nd amendment rights.

HB2510 Requires the owner or possessor of firearm to secure firearm with trigger or cable lock, in locked container or in gun room except in specified circumstances. Unfortunately, it is impossible comply with this poorly written legislation and provide for home defense. For example, if window or door is left unlocked to the house, one is in violation. Also, the definition of gun room needs to be reworked as it excludes one's ability to use a room in most houses.

While the intent of HB2510 is admirable the implementation is flawed to the point that law abiding citizens will in avertedly become felons. The legislation effectively requires home defense weapons must always be carried on their person. Unfortunately, the concept of 'gun room' is ill defined and therefore prevents its effective implementation.

I am an Oregon citizen as well as a member and President of the Oregon State Shooting Association (OSSA). The Oregon State Shooting Association directly represents nearly 15,000 members through member clubs and individual membership to foster safe and responsible firearms use as well as family-oriented shooting sports in Oregon. Additionally, OSSA provides information, resources, and assistance to over 100,000 Oregon hunters. OSSA, and its members, are strong supporters of the 2nd Amendment of the Bill of Rights, the US Constitution, and the Oregon Constitution that support the rights and responsibilities of safe and responsible firearm owners.

I ask, on behalf of OSSA's Members, that the committee and the Oregon legislature REJECT HB2510 – It will make felons of law-abiding citizens.

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