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To whom it may concern.

I'm providing this testimony in OPPOSITION of **H.B. No. 6962.**

This bills is just another way to punish gun owners over other people's criminal activities. It will also further increase the cost of gun ownership in this state. Slowly, lower income residents are be slowly squeezed out of their 2nd amendment rights.

I live alone. Once I lock my doors, my house becomes my safe. I shouldn't be held repsonible for a person breaking into my house and stealing a firearm. As proposed, I'm become a victum and felon all at once.

Besides given enough time any defenses can be breached. If I'm at work, a criminal has full access to my house and tools. Given enough time, they can gain access whatever matter of safe storage I have.

I don't carry a gun when at home. Nor do I sleep with a gun. This law would make it harder for me to respond to a break in at my home should I have to spend precious seconds fumbling around to unlock what device used to store my firearm. As a veteran, I know a few seconds is a lifetime when it comes to fighting for ones life.

Again, I Oppose **H.B. No. 6962**

Thank you for your time
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