Re: H.B. No. 7218 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS IN THE HOME.

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Dear members of the Committee,

I strongly oppose this bill. As a Daughter of a former Police officer and as a current legal gun owner who happens to be Female, I can tell you that this bill will greatly impinge on my ability to protect myself and/or my Family.

If I am home alone and an intruder breaks in and try’s to attack me, how am I supposed to have time to go get my pistol from a locked box? Am I supposed to tell the intruder “Please Sir, can you pause your attack while I go get my firearm from the locked box”?

This bill could very well get me raped and/or killed!

Clearly this bill will prevent me from being able to protect myself and my loved ones in the event of a break in.

Ask any Police officer, in the event of a home invasion, minutes count. Even when you call 911 it can take many precious minutes before the Police come. Police are under no obligation to protect every citizen nor would it be possible to do so.

In life or death situations we can only rely on our ability to protect ourselves.

Having to keep the one thing that could save lives locked away is counterproductive and defeats the very purpose for having a weapon in the first place!
How effective would a Police Officer’s sidearm be if he or she had to retrieve it from their locked trunk? In effect this is what this bill will do to every law abiding gun owner in the State. In the event of an emergency, when we depend on these weapons the most, this bill would leave us unarmed.

Your intentions may be good but in reality your doing children a disservice with this bill by prohibiting Parents from protecting them in the event of a violent home invasion.

This bill would will be greatly detrimental to any law abiding gun owner who simply wants the ability to protect their life and property. This bill could make felons out of good people who are only using their 2nd amendment right to keep and “Bear” Arms.

Please help me continue to be able to protect myself and others by opposing this bill. Thank you.

Regards,
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