Testimony in opposition to H.B. No. 7218 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS IN THE HOME, and H.B. 7223 AN ACT CONCERNING THE STORAGE OF A PISTOL OR REVOLVER IN A MOTOR VEHICLE.
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To the honored members of the Judiciary committee, thank you for reading my testimony. My name is Dan Marcil, and I live in Thomaston. With all due respect, I respectfully ask that you OPPOSE Raised Bills H.B. No. 7218 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS IN THE HOME, and H.B. 7223 AN ACT CONCERNING THE STORAGE OF A PISTOL OR REVOLVER IN A MOTOR VEHICLE.

As written, these bills both focus on unnecessary punitive measures for lawful citizens, with no reasonable means (prior to an incident) to enforce the law short of home or vehicle inspections. In regards to protecting children, I fully agree that this is a noble goal, however I feel it can also be done in a manner that will not impact the rights of lawful citizens. If we currently have public education for our kids about the dangers of drugs and sexually transmitted diseases, why can't we teach proper respect for firearms? Could this have a similar effect in preventing the accidental deaths of children?

Regarding vehicle storage, what constitutes a "safe?" If the answer is merely a locked box, when a driver locks the vehicle, wouldn't a reasonable person consider that a "locked box?"

Thank you so much for your time and service to our great state.

Respectfully yours,
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