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Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
2 East Miller Senate Office Building
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Re: Bill: **SB0479** – Public Safety – Access to Firearms – Storage
Requirements (Jaelynn’s Law)

Position: **OPPOSE**

Dear Mr. Chairman, Mr. Vice-Chairman, and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion on this bill.

If this bill were to become law, it would directly affect me and my family, and many others like us. My son and I enjoy hunting together very much. He’s an extremely responsible young man. Current law allows him to hunt by himself at age 16; this bill would take that away from him. We depend on hunting to put food on our table and making this illegal will negatively affect our family.

I also believe there is a serious issue with the way this bill is worded. I am a responsible gun owner and lock all my guns where my kids cannot gain access to them without me. However, the way this bill is worded, I would immediately be in violation if it were enacted as law. Is it possible that my kids “could” gain access to my firearms? Yes, it certainly is possible for a handy and smart 16 year old to gain access to a locked gun cabinet or even safe with the right tools.

I respectfully ask that you give an **unfavorable** report on this bill. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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