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Personal responsibility is a cornerstone of a civil society. While I'm all for protecting children, I'm doubly for instilling personal responsibility in them, so they grow into good law abiding adults. It's the responsibility of the parents to know the whereabouts of their children and raise them to respect others property. Growing up, my parents were helped by neighbors in keep track of me and my siblings, but ultimately they took responsibility for our actions if something occurred. I was raised with firearms in my house and was taught to never touch them unless my dad was around and authorized me to handle them. You cannot legislate parenting or a personal choice of how to store firearms within a home environment. Firearms used in the defense of one's home and family need to be accessible and the level of safe storage left to the determination of the homeowner. This law opens up too much liability to the average citizen who cannot control the actions of children outside their household.

Respectfully,

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