

HB 307/SB 858 Firearms Safety – Storage Requirements and Youth Suicide Prevention (Jaelynn's Law)

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I am State Director of The DC Project and the State Leader of the Armed Women of America. I stand in solidarity with the Ladies of both of these groups, numbering many more than just myself.

While I agree whole heartedly with Firearms Safety as I am a Multi-Discipline Firearms instructor, I do not agree with this law.

As I read this it looks like you are re-writing the law as it pertains to 16-18 year olds who currently have the right to defend themselves using a firearm, against an attacker. Now you want everyone under 18 – the most vulnerable to not have any ability to defend themselves from home invasion.

I have no idea what you can legally determine inoperable is – as a safeguard... Do you have some sort of idea what makes a gun in operable by a minor and not an adult?

In general, there are Laws that say we can be armed at home incase of an invasion (DC vs. Heller). I believe this bill would render the homeowner defenseless and should not pass as written.

Please find an unfavorable report on this bill.