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I am writing to express my opposition to LD 1120 An Act to Promote the Secure Storage of Firearms. LD 1120 requires firearm dealers to post a warning sign that serves no purpose other than to demonize and harass gun owners and sellers. Is there any other dealership or seller of any product that is required to post a similar warning sign in their place of business? Are swimming pool or hot tub dealers required by law to post a similar warning sign stating that access to water in the home significantly increases the risk of drowning? Are sellers of high-rise condominiums required by law to post a similar warning sign stating that access to tall buildings significantly increases the risk of suicide? If you cannot produce another example then why should gun dealers be singled out with harassment for engaging in constitutionally protected activities?

LD 1120 also increases the penalty for firearm storage issues from a class D to a class C solely based on the actions of a child or prohibited person. LD 1120 does not direct a single increased punishment towards a prohibited person. All the punishment in LD 1120 is directed towards the legal gun owner. Maybe when a prohibited person is being released from prison under supervision there should be increased scrutiny conducted on the prohibited person's living situation before they are released instead of trying to turn gun owners into felons. Is there any evidence that warrants the increase from a class D crime to a class C? Has every educational effort been exhausted to warrant the increase in penalty?

LD 1120 is absolutely void of any substantial policy that would actually promote safe firearm storage. From ridiculous warning signs to punishing gun owners for the actions of others. LD 1120 ought not to pass.