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I am writing in opposition to LD 759 an act to amend child endangerment laws. This bill is unnecessary as both state law and federal law address this problem.

The whole “gun safety” movement is based on the farcical notion that guns are used more offensively than defensively when the opposite has been found true.

I point to national studies done by Gary Kleck and by Marc Gertz. These studies were backed up by the \$10 million CDC study commissioned by Barack Obama after the Sandyhook shooting that said that guns are used defensively at least as many times to stop a threat/crime as they are offensively. They further estimate the number of defensive guns uses at 500,000-700,000 per year. The Kleck and Gertz studies point at numbers as high as 3 million defensive gun uses per year.

In any self defense situation time is of the essence in accessing a weapon. Based on these studies and the present laws We should not over burden law abiding citizens with broadly vague new laws. I thank you all for your service.