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**From:** Mike Luciano <luckymike17@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 8, 2024 2:45 PM  
**To:** House Judiciary Committee; Rep. Craven, Robert E.; Rep. McEntee, Carol Hagan; Rep. Knight, Jason; Rep. Ajello, Edith H.; Rep. Batista, Jose F.; Rep. Bennett, David A.; Rep. Caldwell, Justine A.; Rep. Casimiro, Julie A.; Rep. Corvese, Arthur J.; Rep. Cruz, Cherie L.; Rep. Dawson, Matthew S.; Rep. Felix, Leonela; Rep. Noret, Thomas E.; Rep. Place, David J.; Rep. Roberts, Sherry  
**Cc:** Rep. Chippendale, Michael W.; Rep. Fenton-Fung, Barbara Ann  
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### To House Judiciary Committee and Administrator,

Please include this email expressing my opposition as stated below.

### **I am writing to state my opposition to House bill H7373**

There is already a law targeting the consideration and protection of children from firearms on the books. Every responsible owner of firearms that I know keeps their firearms secure for several reasons, including the protection of children that may be present. Restricting access by lawful citizens to their life-saving firearms IN THEIR HOME will not stop reckless people from being reckless.

**This bill was in committee a couple of years ago, and the Speaker of House wanted to compromise by converting the bill to allow for a sales tax credit for anyone purchasing a safe. The principal sponsor of the bill stomped out of committee in protest and withdrew the bill, which proves that this bill is not about safety to her and the other sponsors, it is merely about control. If the rep cares about safety, she would have gone along with the compromise at least as a first step measure. In addition to a tax incentive program, I would suggest that the General Assembly and AG ask local media to provide spots to promote the purchase of safes and other safety devices to build awareness.**

**Good faith and compromise should be part of the legislative process. We all want to protect children's safety.**

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**House Bill No. 7373**

**BY Caldwell, Knight, Fellela, Batista, Boylan, Kazarian, Fogarty, Stewart, McEntee,  
Handy**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC4005/1}**  
(Requires safe storage of firearms/provides civil and criminal penalties for violations/adds rifles  
and

shotguns to the types of firearms requiring a trigger lock to be included with purchase/requires  
firearms dealers post signs regarding safe storage.)

01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/01/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Thank you,**

**Michael Luciano**

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