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BAD NEWS, GOOD NEWS:

Apparently, the NC Senate Judiciary II Committee, chaired by *Republican* FLETCHER HARTSELL (R-Cabarrus, ****) isn't getting your message that SB 987, "Safe" Storage of Firearms, isn't worthy of a committee hearing. The bill GRNC has branded "The Rapist Protection Act, because states which adopt mandatory gun storage laws actually experience INCREASED rape, murder and aggravated assault, is scheduled for a committee meeting THURSDAY.

The good news is that the committee is hearing Castle Doctrine bill SB 928 on the same day.

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED

* USE THE AUTOMATED E-MAIL provided by GRNC at <http://grnc.org/alerts/autoemail.htm>
* CALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS at the phone numbers below, *especially* if your legislator is on the committee.
* ATTEND THE HEARING: It is at 10:00 AM in room 1124 of the Legislative Building in Raleigh. Directions are available at: <http://www.ncleg.net/help/directions.html>

DELIVER THIS MESSAGE

Senate Judiciary II Committee Members:

On Thursday, you will consider two bills of vital interest to North Carolina gun owners. On advice from Grass Roots North Carolina, I strongly urge you to *oppose* SB 987 and *support* SB 928.

SB 987: "Safe Storage of Firearms"

This misnamed and draconian bill mirrors the District of Columbia's gun storage law, recently struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court in *Heller v. D.C.* Under its provisions, the only way a gun owner could be absolutely safe from criminal prosecution would be to store firearms in locked containers, with ammunition stored separately, or unloaded with trigger locks engaged, either of which would render guns UNAVAILABLE FOR SELF PROTECTION.

Controlled, multivariate research on such laws by John R. Lott and John E. Whitley found: "During the first five full years after the passage of the safe storage laws, the group of fifteen states that adopted these laws faced an annual average increase of over 300 more murders, 3,860 more rapes, 24,650 more robberies, and over 25,000 more aggravated assaults. On average, the annual costs borne by victims averaged over \$2.6 billion as a result of lost productivity, out-of-product expenses, medical bills, and property losses." That is exactly why GRNC has correctly labeled it "THE RAPIST PROTECTION ACT."

SB 928: "Castle Doctrine for NC"

This long overdue bill would reinforce the ability of lawful North Carolinians to protect themselves and their families against violent predators. Far from naysayers' claims that it is a "make my day" law, the bill offers controlled and limited protections for crime victims who have a reasonable fear of death or serious bodily injury as the result of attack. PASS THIS BILL.

GRNC advises me that all votes on this bill will be used for candidate evaluation purposes. I look forward to your support.

Respectfully,
CALL THESE COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOW!

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