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## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR—CITY OF SEATTLE

Wes Uhlman, Mayor

September 12, 1972

The Honorable Liem Eng Tuai  
President, Seattle City Council  
City of Seattle

The Honorable Jeanette Williams  
Chairman, Human Resources and Judiciary Committee  
Seattle City Council  
City of Seattle

Dear Mr. Tuai and Mrs. Williams:

On Thursday, September 7, the City Council considered proposed revisions to the City's Criminal Code. As the proposed legislation has now been referred to the Council's Committee of the Whole, I feel it is appropriate for me to state a position. Specifically, I am concerned about the discussion of an amendment that would limit the rights of an individual to protect his family, himself and the security of his home and property against criminal intruders.

If one's home were broken into, it would be impossible to judge at that point the intention of the intruder. Any law that would require the home owner to wait until the criminal stated his intentions could also cause the home owner to be placed beyond the point in time when he would have the best opportunity to protect his home and family. When a criminal intruder is safely inside and in command, are not the home occupant and his family at the mercy of the intruder regardless of what his intent might be?

The citizen must assume that his family and the security of his home is in immediate danger when an intruder enters. In my opinion, he must assume the responsibility to protect himself and family, using such means as will best assure that purpose.

Arguments about "shooting a kid running down the back steps" miss the point. That situation can be handled by separate provisions.

Hon. Liem Eng Tuai  
Hon. Jeanette Williams

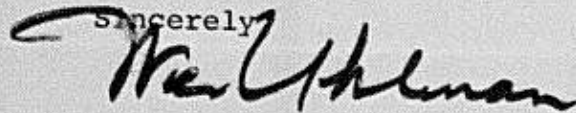
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The householder should not be required, at his peril, to psycho-analyze accurately the intruder who is in his home and who is not clearly harmless.

I think this point is of great importance to the citizen. Accordingly, I will veto any enactment of the proposed Criminal Code which does not clearly preserve the right of the householder to protect his home.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wes Uhlman".

Wes Uhlman  
Mayor

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c.c. All Members