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To the Senate Judiciary Committee:

My name is Col Colben K Sime, USMC (Ret), Sunriver, OR 97707. I was honorably discharged after 25 years service in the US Marine Corps. Over my 25 years of service I was stationed in and visited many countries overseas. From my experiences in those other countries it has become more abundantly clear than ever to me what life would be like without the freedoms of which we are so blessed and so fortunate to have. Unfortunately, so many of our countrymen have not had some of these experiences and do not realize how fragile our democracy is.

I attended the hearing on 4/5/13 and heard all of the testimony. As tragic as the most recent shooting in Sandy Hook was, I see nothing in these 4 bills that would have prevented that shooting nor anything in the pro testimony that convinced me that these bills are other than a solution looking for a problem - only further infringement on those of us who are law abiding citizens. Moreover, the actions to implement so many new gun restrictions has amply demonstrated the law of unintended consequences by generating gun and ammunition sales demands that far outweigh the capacity of manufacturers to respond to them and have caused inordinately more gun and ammunition sales to be made than would otherwise occur.

Rather than responding to each bill with the many objections that I would make, I believe my concerns can best be represented by referring to the testimony of the one person who testified that has experienced the slippery slope that we are now embarking upon. I have reference to the testimony of Manuel Martinez, specifically that testimony contained at youtube - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N1ABw6IMKn0&feature=youtu.be.

For these reasons, I am adamantly opposed to SB 347, SB 699, SB 700 and SB 796 and urge you to vote against all 4 bills.

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