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Re: Bill No. HB3174

My name is Michael McCarter, and I'm the Executive Director / Range Master at Albany Rifle and Pistol Club, a 2,500 member gun club in the Willamette Valley, as well as an Oregon and Utah Concealed License Instructor. I am asking you to support HB3174 which would allow use of federal exemptions in bankruptcy proceedings.

Many times these firearms are handed down from family member to family member and while they may have monetary value, they are not 'financial investments'-they are family heirlooms.

Please consider passing HB3174 to correct this injustice. Permitting the use of Federal exemptions in bankruptcy cases would allow families to keep a more reasonable number of firearms for hunting, personal protection and other legitimate uses.

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