

Dear committee,

As a lifelong citizen (69 years) of Oregon I feel that I must write to your committee to express my shock at the government overreach proposed by this bill and amendment. My father started training me in firearm use at a young age and I received my hunter's safety card while in the 7th grade. I have hunted, fought for our country, trained my children and grandchildren in the safe use of firearms and used firearms for target practice my entire life. I have never had nor been involved in an accident with firearms.

I keep a firearm close by at night for the simple reason that I cannot count on police to help when it is needed. Since I have lived near Sublimity I have had the occasion to call for help from Marion count 4 times and I either receive no response or a response so late that any help is moot. I have used a firearm to repel 2 people that attempted to light our house on fire in the middle of the night. Without that firearm I would likely not be here to write this letter.

The more I see Oregon go down this road of extreme gun control I wonder what the young people in our state will do without the activities of hunting, shooting sports, reloading, etc., will they then seek out troublesome things to do?

After reading the bill and the amendment I am wondering if Oregon has seceded from the United States and the constitution that protects all citizens rights.

Regards,
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