

My name is Gary Tallis, I reside in Albany, Oregon, I'm 73 years old, a former FBI Special Agent, assigned to Seattle, Cleveland and LA. I worked Fugitives in Seattle and Cleveland, and Organized Crime in LA. I've worked specials (high visibility cases i.e., DB Cooper, Patty Hearst,) Most of my work days were in Compton, Watts, and East LA. I've seen EVIL spelled in capital letters. I've arrested Organized Crime enforcers who did NOT blink when killing unarmed people or breaking knees.

At 73, and currently disabled with a serious foot wound, I'm easy pickings. There are more than a few older criminals who would love to get revenge. I'm easy pickings for home invasion. AND YOU WANT ME TO LOCK UP MY GUNS when I'm home!!!

I'm a responsible Concealed Carry retiree on a fixed income and you want to raise the fees. You want to make it as difficult as possible for me to carry my gun for self-protection, and the protection of fellow citizens, when out in public, where as a 73-year-old, disabled person, I'm most vulnerable. Basically, you are making me a potential felon because I want the right to defend myself anywhere, not just in your designated self-defense zones (nonpublic buildings where-ever they are). You want me to pick up my relatives and friends at the Airport one of the most vulnerable places for attack, un-able to defend myself and others.

I'm also the leader of a 20-person Safety Team at my church. You want some nut job to enter my church and shoot 20 or 30 unarmed Christians. You want a repeat of the Roseburg

shooting. The Texas church shooting, the Charleston Church shooting.

Why don't you take all that money from New York's Bloomberg and put it into hiring more State Troopers where it would save more lives on our freeways and byways than all the deaths from guns in Oregon.