Testimony Regarding HB3329

Dear Representatives

This proposed legislation could limit the sale of a fire arm to a person that is under 21 years of age is not appropriate. While this is permissive, there are major sellers that have already refused to sell guns to persons under 21. My thinking as a veteran is that if persons under 21 are old enough to be in the military they are old enough to own a weapon. The voting age was lowered because of 18 year olds being in the military. This applies to both the US Armed Forces but also the Oregon National Guard. We should be consistent with the age issues. And we should not discriminate against 18 to 21 year olds that are responsible enough to protect and defend this nation and state.

The Oregon Constitution provides that "The people shall have the right to bear arms for the defence [sic] of themselves, and the State, but the Military shall be kept in strict subordination to the civil power.

To bear arms is a <u>right and not a privilege</u> and this right extends to all people of this state. You are considering the removing of this <u>right</u> for persons that are old enough to vote and old enough to serve their state in the national guard and this nation in the US Armed Forces. I implore you to not attempt to steal this right. If this is done what is the next right that is to be stolen for the people of this state. No not pass this bill out of committee.

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