

## **HB2510 HEARING:**

Dear Chairman and Committee Members,

I come before you as a native Oregonian, Former Police Officer, Deputy Sheriff, EMT, Business Owner and honest gun owner.

In 2008, the Supreme Court in Heller affirmed that (and I quote) “the district’s handgun ban **and** trigger lock requirement violated the Second Amendment.” (end quote) This House Bill 2510 is in clear violation of the U.S. and Oregon Constitution.

Gun owners in Oregon feel as though we are under constant attack from the Legislature and various anti-gun groups. The vast majority of Oregon gun owners are good honest citizens. We work hard, obey the law, we are responsible to ourselves and our neighbors. We will never cause harm to anyone nor will our guns. We are your neighbor, your co-worker, maybe even your friend or relative. We have an interest, a hobby, a sport or just believe we should have the right to protect ourselves. That interest, that hobby, that sport, that Constitutional right, just happens to involve firearms. We perhaps grew up different than some of you did. I get that. What I do NOT get is why you are always coming after us? WE are NOT the problem when it comes to guns in Oregon. Why are you not going after the criminals and criminal use of guns? Why are you not going after the gangs? Why are you not increasing penalties upon criminals and increasing sentences for crimes when guns are used? Why are you not spending the necessary funds for suicide prevention and mental health counseling? Leave our gun ownership rights alone! Leave our ability to protect ourselves and our families alone! I urge you to NOT move forward with House Bill 2510.

Respectfully,

Craig Ziegenhagel, Oregon resident

Testimony #2 in Lieu of Video Testimony. Also see my #1 Written Testimony.