

HB2543

Dear Friends,

I am a long time resident of rural Oregon, for the majority of my 73 years: in Clackamas, Klamath, and mostly in Coos Counties. As a child I lived in a house where firearms were kept, and have been a gun owner most of my adult life. I respect the right of citizens to bear arms. However, I see nothing in this bill that restricts my, or anyone's, right to own a firearm. I do see an increase in safety for our brothers and sisters in this state, too many of whom die senselessly from the discharge of firearms, often from people who should not own them. I urge passage of the bill, especially as a hopeful follower of Jesus, who always asks us to consider those most likely to suffer harm. Waiting an extra few days to buy a gun is not harm, being gunned down by a person who should never have been able to own a gun is.

Yours respectfully,

Joe Snyder