

I cannot express enough how this bill affects my family personally. My Daughter began working in college ministry over 4 years ago, she shared with me the many places she travels across the state, to places unknown, mostly to churches but often onto college campuses. Her ministry part of Campus Ambassadors reaches out to those young students without a home church and makes sure they have positive support and fellowship. I am very proud of what she has done, she has mentored, ministered, and helped numerous students. Last summer she graduated, but she enjoyed college ministry so much she has decided to pursue this work full time. Over the last few years we discussed the risks associated with visiting, sometimes strangers in strange places, but as a student, and for the most part on local campuses it was a calculated risk. Since the recent unrest and uncertainty with the de-fund the police movement we both agreed the safest way to do so was to get her trained in self defense and to get her concealed carry permit so she has the option to carry a firearm for personal protection. Nobody needs to know that she is armed, only she knows and now those of you that I must testify to protect her and others like her. I have over my adult life living in Oregon since 1989 fired guns that friends own, am very pro 2nd amendment, but I personally had never owned a firearm until 2020. Last year, my wife, my 24 year old daughter, and myself took a self defense and concealed carry class, and not just the bare minimum, but an all day class to learn how to be safe, and keep ourselves safe with a firearm. My wife decided not to get her CCL but my Daughter and I both got our CCL in November.

Now this bill want to prevent my daughter from carrying her handgun in some of the very places I was most concerned for her safety. She will have to choose personal protection over committing a felony. This bill does nothing to prevent criminals from carrying guns, it makes criminals of those of us who legally protect ourselves and exercise our 2nd amendment right. How DARE you consider this bill, how dare you force my child to choose to abide by the law, or to put her self in potential danger. As they say, when seconds count, the police are just minutes away. If you vote YES for this bill, you are stealing those precious seconds away from someone who needs to protect them self from bodily harm, rape, or death. SHAME on anyone who seriously thinks this bill will make any person safer. They don't know or they don't care about the facts. Now you know, so if you vote for this bill I can only assume you don't care.

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