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On Behalf Of: All 18 19 and 20 year olds in Oregon
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure: HB2006

As an 18 year old in the state of Oregon, I am severely disappointed by HB 2006. This piece of legislation aims to strip me of my 2nd amendment right. 18-20 year olds are ADULTS, I am treated as an adult, I would be tried in court as an adult, and I pay taxes as an adult. As an 18-20 year old, am I a lesser citizen than those who are 21 years or older? Why should I not get the full right that is guaranteed to me by the constitution? I fail to see how this bill will improve anything, criminals will be criminals, they don't care what the law says. Otherwise, they wouldn't be criminals. I have read supporting testimonies, they typically mention that 18-20 year olds can not purchase alcohol or tobacco products legally so why should I be able to purchase a firearm. Yet nowhere in the constitution or the bill of rights can I find the right to alcohol or tobacco. This is not some drug, this is my right, the same right I share with all adults. All the supporting testimonies that mention the age to purchase alcohol or tobacco are weak. Multiple of supporting testimonies are made by people who are completely and utterly oblivious to firearms and how they work. Semi-automatic rifles ARE NOT by definition assault weapons. They are only assault weapons in the minds of the ignorant. Finally let me remind you what the 2nd amendment says verbatim:
A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

And I will emphasize, SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED. On behalf of all 18-20 year olds as an 18-year-old in the State of Oregon,

Sincerely,
Steven Wales