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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure: HB2007

Dear Judiciary Committee:

I vehemently oppose HB2007.

As with HB 2005 and 2006, HB2007 is unconstitutional on its face.

The intentions of those who debated, wrote and passed the Second Amendment are clear: The purpose of the amendment is to protect individual liberty by, in part, stopping the federal government from instituting gun restrictions of any kind, because America's founders wanted to ensure citizens had the ability to defend themselves against a tyrannical national government and other domestic threats, as well as from foreign invaders.

As you know the Supreme Court made a ruling in 2022 commonly known as the Bruen decision. The Bruen decision clearly states: "Government must demonstrate that the regulation is consistent with the Nation's historical tradition of firearm regulation."

The historical tradition of firearms regulation in America has not prohibited firearms in spaces that are considered public nor those properties that might happen to be next door. The 2nd amendment to the Constitution was pretty much taken at face value until the 20th century at which time the government started wanting to control the citizens. Yes, that is what this is all about. Control.

You would be hard pressed to demonstrate that this law is consistent with the Nation's historical tradition of firearm regulation.

In addition to the federal Constitutional provision, Article 1, Section 27 of the Oregon Constitution says - "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."

It doesn't say except in all public spaces and surrounding areas.

What all of these gun control (there is that word again) laws do is make it easier for the criminal to perpetrate whatever crime they choose to commit. Oh look, this is a public space and, therefore, there will be no guns around. The criminals will become bolder in the face of no opposition. But that is what you want, isn't it?

You are again attempting to make instant felons out of people in your state that have never committed any crimes and have legally owned and carried firearms for years. Why do you have such contempt for over half of the people who live in Oregon?

As I have said before and will continue to say, enforce the criminal statutes on the books and you will make a dent in your so called gun violence. Stop trying to make criminals out of law abiding, tax paying citizens.

You keep throwing anti-gun bills at us, we will keep fighting them. Trust me on that. You will not win in the end.