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On Behalf Of:  
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To the members of the House Judiciary Committee: I am strongly opposed to HB 2006 which would make it illegal for adults 18 - 21 years old to own a firearm. Young adults in this age group can enlist in any branch of the US military and would as a result, be trained and expected to use firearms when necessary. If this age group is mature and responsible enough to defend our country, they are also mature & responsible enough to own a firearm as a civilian.

The best way to prevent gun violence is to teach about how to safely and responsibly use firearms and to encourage healthy environments in the homes, schools, and communities of Oregon. Criminals and the mentally unfit perpetrate most gun violence, and they seem to be able to illegally access guns. Those adults who follow the law should not be restricted from owning a firearm.

Remember that it's people who kill people. Those who kill will do so by any means including knives, heavy objects, torture, etc. Guns are not the culprit, people with criminal intent, hopped up on drugs, or who are mentally ill are the problem.

Please vote NO on HB 2006.

Thank you!