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Measure HB2006

I am writing on behalf of my son, and others like him. He is a responsible young adult making his way through college, and working to learn new skills to establish himself as a contributing member of society. He's recently saved for, and bought, his first vehicle, and is very close to obtaining his small engine pilots license. He is old enough to join the military, get married, vote, and take out a loan to start a business. He has also shown an interest in target shooting.

The individuals sponsoring this bill, as well as most who are testifying in favor of it, apparently view him as a danger to society as he wishes to use his own paycheck to buy his first rifle so that he can responsibly learn how to target shoot and safely handle a firearm.

This bill attempts to paint him, and others like him, as "undeveloped" and constantly on the verge of hurting people. This is insulting and I would say he has more common sense than many adults twice his age. Yet this bill would deprive him from making an adult decision that are well within his capabilities, maturity and right. This law bans him from such guns as the Ruger 10/22, which is an entry level .22lr rifle that is considered one of the best entry level firearms for learning how to safely handle a firearm and learn basic marksmanship with.

Therefore I encourage the committee to reject this bill and the stereotype that others his age are too immature to handle the responsibilities of firearm ownership. When clearly a "one size fits all" is not applicable and unfair.

In addition courts have already evaluated similar laws to HB2006 and have ruled them unlawful in both the 9th circuit court in California and federal court in Texas. I hope Oregon doesn't waste time and money trying to join them.