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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure: HB2006

I am writing to oppose HB 2006. In the American Constitution, the right to keep and bear arms and the right to vote are co-equal rights. Neither is more or less important or lower or higher priority than the other. My reading of the Oregon Constitution is that the same is true there. This law would deprive citizens able to vote of their co-equal right to keep and bear arms, violating their constitutional rights. I have seen arguments comparing the increase in age to the increased age required to be allowed to drink alcohol, etc. Such comparisons are invalid as the ability to consume alcohol is not a constitutional right but a privilege, unlike the constitutional right to keep and bear arms.