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Hello, my name is Paul Goodell. I'm a resident of Curry County, a father of three, a medical professional serving my community and opponent to HB 2006.

There's an elephant in the room that should be addressed before moving forward with these bills and that elephant is the NYSRPA vs Bruen ruling.

From Bruen:

"Today, we decline to adopt that two-part approach. In keeping with Heller, we hold that when the Second Amendment's plain text covers an individual's conduct, the Constitution presumptively protects that conduct. To justify its regulation, the government may not simply posit that the regulation promotes an important interest. Rather, the government must demonstrate that the regulation is consistent with this Nation's historical tradition of firearm regulation. Only if a firearm regulation is consistent with this Nation's historical tradition may a court conclude that the individual's conduct falls outside the Second Amendment's "unqualified command." *Konigsberg v. State Bar of Cal.*, 366 U. S. 36, 50, n. 10 (1961)

Also, from Bruen's reference to Heller:

"From Blackstone through the 19th-century cases, commentators and courts routinely explained that the right was not a right to keep and carry any weapon whatsoever in any manner whatsoever and for whatever purpose." *Ibid.* For example, we found it "fairly supported by the historical tradition of prohibiting the carrying of 'dangerous and unusual weapons'" that the Second Amendment protects the possession and use of weapons that are "in common use at the time."

Is there any text, history or tradition that allows drafting of eighteen to twenty-year-olds to go fight and die in foreign wars but prohibits them from owning weapons that are "in common use at the time"? The ar15 platform is the most commonly owned rifle in the country, Current estimates are that there are well over 20,000,000 AR style rifles in the population. For comparison, the Remington Model 700 is the most common bolt action hunting rifle in the country. Remington has only made 5,000,000 of these rifles. Some gun control proponents have attempted to put AR-15's in the "dangerous and unusual" category but that obviously isn't the case. Unlike the purchase of alcohol, tobacco and rental cars, the ownership of firearms is still under the same constitutional protections as free speech, religion, being secure from warrantless searches and due process in court of law. As much as I have witnessed troubling behavior from 18–20-year-olds, I still don't believe the state can selectively practice age discrimination against this age group, If we're just going to start picking and choosing what constitutional rights they do and do not have as 18-20-year-old

adults, then we might as well just legally redefine what is an adult and move it to 21 years of age.

This and the other two gun bills are nothing more than attempts to join in with other states like Wa, Ill, NY and NJ in their "Post Bruen temper tantrum" and basically wasting our tax dollars by legislatively "throwing spaghetti at the wall to see what sticks". Trying to pass these bills right now is like Alabama trying pass restrictions on married gays immediately after the Obergefell vs Hodges ruling. (Or for a non-hypothetical example) I cannot recall this much of a multi blue state effort to defy the supreme court since Brown Vs Board of Education told southern states that they could no longer segregate schoolchildren according to the color of their skin. Oregon has an addiction problem, a suicide/mental health problem, a human trafficking problem and a drug cartel importing fentanyl problem. The people of Oregon would be better served by a legislature that was working to find effective solutions to some of these current problems instead of seeking ways to make felons out of what are currently lawful Oregonians peacefully exercising a constitutionally protected right.

On what is most likely to fall on deaf ears, I ask that you vote NO.
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