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To: Chairman Kropf and members of the Committee
Oregon House Committee on Judiciary

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Subject: Opposition to HB 2006

I am writing to state my opposition to HB 2006 which I believe to be a violation of the United States Constitution and the Oregon State Constitution because the bill makes it impossible for a person under the age of 21 years from exercising their constitutional right to keep and bear arms.

The hypocrisy of HB 2006 is manifestly evident. Consider that at 18 years of age a young adult can vote in Oregon elections and that same person can enlist in the Armed Forces of the United States to defend our nation by putting their life on the line. Also, consider these young adults have legally possessed an Oregon State Driver's License since they were age 16.

Additionally, HB 2006 makes it impossible for a person under 21 years of age from participating in:

- organized hunter safety training
- common hunting, a heritage activity for many cultures
- organized marksmanship training and competitions

Two federal court cases have declared laws limiting firearms ownership by young adults to be unconstitutional, see:

- U.S. 9th Circuit, Jones v Bonta
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas, FPS v Steven McCraw

HB 2006 harms **law abiding** young citizens in that it takes away their constitutional right to own, possess and utilize firearms.

HB 2006 harms law abiding citizens and does nothing to impact or constrain the minuscule minority of our citizenry who criminally violate our laws.

HB 2006 is bad legislation that has no reasonable nexus as solution to firearms crime, and it does show no regard for the rights of our youth and young adults.

Please vote to kill HB 2006 in committee.