

Dear Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed new gun control measures that would further restrict the rights of law-abiding citizens of Oregon. As a resident, I am deeply concerned about the potential consequences of this proposal.

While I understand the importance of ensuring public safety, I believe that these measures go too far and would unfairly burden law-abiding citizens. Requiring a permit and a fee to exercise a constitutional right is a form of taxation and would create an undue financial burden on many individuals. Furthermore, the proposed restrictions on firearms ownership would not be effective in reducing gun violence, as criminals do not abide by the law and will obtain firearms regardless of the regulations in place.

It is important to remember that the vast majority of gun owners in Oregon are law-abiding citizens who use firearms for sport, hunting, and personal protection. These individuals should not be penalized for the actions of a few violent criminals. Instead of implementing new restrictions, we should focus on enforcing existing laws and providing support for mental health services and community outreach programs.

I urge you to reconsider this proposal and work towards solutions that balance public safety with individual rights and liberties. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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