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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary  
Measure: HB3513

Good morning House Committee Members,

I am strongly urging you to oppose HB 3813. The bill creates a convoluted method for people in mental health crisis to be able to temporarily store their guns with others or gun dealers. It "Directs Oregon Health Authority to establish grant program to fund storage of firearms pursuant to firearm hold agreement. Appropriates moneys to authority to fund grants."

I have no issue with people storing their guns off site if they feel the need. However, this is another tax payer funded mistake that could be far more easily solved by simply revoking the law that makes doing that illegal. The state creates a problem and then wants the taxpayer to spend millions to fix it.

This bill will also require that any training course for a concealed handgun license must include the "use of firearm hold agreements for firearm suicide prevention." That means not only the regular CHL classes taught by NRA instructors for example, but also any of the hunter safety classes or law enforcement classes that qualify. That means that any class taught in any other state that used to qualify no longer will. It was stated that there would be an amendment to address this problem. So far there is not one.

The bill would be a massive misuse of taxpayer funds when there is a solution that would cost nothing. Once again, I strongly urge you to consider these matters and oppose HB 3818. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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