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“Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves, and, under a just God, cannot long retain it.” Abraham Lincoln

My name is Candy Yow. I am a resident of Oregon, a wife, mother, grandmother, a Hunter, the Owner and founder of Ladies Hunting Camps, and the Oregon State Director of the DC Project-Women for Gun Rights. The DC Project believes the key to firearms safety and violence prevention is education, not legislation.

Gun control policies like HB 2572 have been in place for decades in cities that are afflicted by the most violent crime. They are PROVEN failures! We all want the same thing to be safe. I am here to tell you HB 2572 does NOT make me or any other woman safer. It makes us LESS safe. When you make it more difficult for women to protect themselves, criminals are emboldened.

In the past two years, we have witnessed the destruction in our home state! Violence and lawlessness in Portland, and other cities nearby. ANTIFA and BLM looting, burning, destroying, and killing all while doing exactly what you are now saying if we did that, we would be criminals! These factors have driven women to be the fastest-growing demographic of gun owners. Women are smaller and less equipped for violence and firearms are the great equalizer. I know I am my own first responder and I am the best bet I have to survive a violent encounter.

Now we can no longer have trained armed men and women watch over our Churches, large gatherings, etc. Here again, the criminals will feast on this bill, as it's an open party for their criminal activity. A church should be a welcome place to meet & worship, we know that criminals have singled them out, but you want to not allow us if there are 3 or more armed individuals there to protect our families, in fear of becoming a felon for defending our families and Constitutional Rights.

Here again, we have a Bill that will take away Constitutional rights from Law Abiding, Hard Working American Citizens, while opening the door for Criminals HB 2572 is unconstitutional and should be voted out.

The people of these United States are the rightful Masters of both Congress & Courts. Not to overthrow the Constitution but to overthrow the men who pervert the

Constitution. Abraham Lincoln

Thank you for your time, Candy Yow