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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary  
Measure: SB1503  
Committee,

I oppose SB1503 on the following grounds.

- 1) This task force will be stacked with individuals who overwhelmingly support an agenda to disarm the lawful gun owning population under the smoke screen of so called gun violence prevention.
- 2) I don't see anyone listed for the task force that would advocate for legal and responsible gun ownership.
- 3) This task force will not identify the true root causes for the increase in gun violence.

When it comes to gun violence the Democratic party and its voters can pat themselves on the back for this torrid state of affairs. We can see the awful implementation of Measure 110, and the fallout from the Fentanyl crises. The defund the police mantra that depleted the ranks of law enforcement which increased response times to life threatening crimes, and almost no response to less serious crimes. We have a "woke" DA in Mike Schmidt amongst others that took a soft on crime approach to post social justice protests leading to rampant property and quality of life criminal activity. This poisonous trio of circumstances has led to the debacle we face in the state.

When I read the Oregonian about a person arrested or convicted of a gun crime, almost without fail that individual is reported as a felon in possession of a firearm. Your gun violence task force will be a waste of taxpayer money. Roll back the social justice policies, enforce current state criminal laws, and perhaps then we can make a dent in gun violence. Once again, I oppose SB 1503 and urge you to do the same.

Sincerely,

Martin J. Claxton