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My name is Lisa, I have lived in Oregon all my life. I am a single mom with an underage daughter in my home. this bill would leave my daughter and myself at risk of physical and emotional harm. I have had a few experiences where carrying my firearm are what kept my daughter and I safe from harms way. One of those experiences happened just a few weeks ago, a man was stalking our home taking pictures of who was here watching when we would come and go. When I did approach him one morning before I could say anything the first words out of his mouth were "I'm within my legal rights", I informed him he was scaring my daughter and pleaded with him to leave my street. After a few minutes of pleading with him he finally left, I do believe he only left because I had my firearm. Unfortunately he did not stay away and when the cops were called the following day dispatch was told I "pulled a gun" on the man and it took local officers 9 mins to arrive at my home and the station is 2 mins away from my home. Even with a gun mentioned when the call was placed it took them 9 mins to get there. My daughter and I could have been seriously injured before police arrived to help me and my minor child had I not been able to protect us. If you add that The state of Oregon has been experiencing a decrease in police recruitments for 4 years now as well as a decrease in officers on the job this bill only harms citizens. Portland is an example where police have been understaffed for years and violence is rampant. There's also the fact that officers are resigning due to lack of prosecution and accountability for those they do arrest. Public records will show that the number of arrests with illegal possession of a firearm is 10x higher than the number of people actually prosecuted for the illegal possession of a firearm. For the past 12 years anytime the state has trouble with funding the first thing to experience cuts are emergency services, if we don't have funding to police the citizens of Oregon and keep us safe where are you going to find the funding for the certification requirements proposed in this bill. Majority of the sheriffs have told congressional members that they don't have the time or resources required for this bill, so what are those who want to follow the law supposed to do. Why put those who follow the law in jeopardy of loosing their 2nd amendment rights when instead you can hold those who break the existing laws accountable. The results of decriminalizing small amounts of drugs in the state of Oregon should be the only example the state needs of why it should move for stiffer penalties for those who break existing laws rather than prosecute people who are using the fundamental rights to protect and provide for their families. Given the violent threats towards people who believe politically different than others Oregon representatives should be thinking of people protecting themselves rather than leaving them open for violent crimes