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On Behalf Of: WE THE PEOPLE  
Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB697

Dear Lawmakers,

My name is Chad Kernutt and I'm in opposition to SB-697. I am a U.S. Army veteran, a husband and father of 3, a law abiding citizen, and I swore the same oath to the same 2 constitutions that you did. I want to remind you of that very important fact, that you swore an oath to the constitution which SB-697 and HB-3075 blatantly violates. We don't need a permit to exercise free speech, to go to church, or to buy bibles (at least not yet), to marry, to vote, or to exercise any other constitutional rights. So why would it be ok to require a permit to possess, purchase, and defend yourself with a gun as an adult? Or in the case of this bill, tell an entire class of adults that they can't exercise a constitutional right to defend themselves and their families for 3 years, but they can vote, marry, have children, join the military, get drafted, go to college, and buy or rent homes. This is a tyrannical move by the Oregon state government and I urge you to not let this tyranny pass. With all this talk of "common sense gun safety" and on age bans for adults, and now the travesty of a bill requiring a permit and fees to exercise a constitutional right, I feel it's very important to look at why the 2nd amendment was created and installed in the constitution by the founders. The 2nd amendment is much more than just self-defense against criminals and physical abusers, first and foremost it's about defending ourselves from a tyrannical government. The government uses M-4's which are semi-auto and 3 round burst optioned and not fully automatic, those would be squad machine guns such as the M-240 and M-249 which are belt fed and are the actual definition and classification of assault weapons before the definition was stolen and bastardized by our gun control elements in American society. You have to have the ability to go toe to toe with the government if it descended into tyranny requiring a revolutionary force of civilians which would be made up of all able bodied adults.

The founders and framers of the constitution made the second amendment so that the citizens of America could protect themselves against all matters of threats, from at home and out in the public, to the most notable of the threats discussed and given the most emphasis which was a tyrannical federal government and it's regular federal army that it would use against the civilian populace. The framers of the constitution also discussed the need for all able bodied military aged civilians to be able to own and possess the common arms of regular soldiers in the federal army. That common arm is the M-4 rifle. The AR-15 rifle is the semi-auto only version of the M-4. Also important to note is that adults in this country are 18 years of age and the bulk of the military today is comprised of adults between the ages of 17 and 21.

If you familiarized yourself with the federalist papers than you would see the true intent behind the 2nd amendment when the framers, which were also all the early U.S. presidents, wrote the amendment. They fully intended for all military aged and able bodied adults, free from government intrusion, to be able to own, purchase, and possess firearms for defense of themselves, their families, their communities, and the constitution.

Gun control constitutionally can not and will not ever be the answer but instead the focus should be on properly funded and staffed mental health services and expanded background checks that include juvenile records and school disciplinary/mental health counseling records. This will be the most effective way to curb the mentally ill and unstable/violent people from getting legal access to purchase guns. And for all the illegally possessed stolen guns and gun violence prevention in general today we need prosecutors offices to stop giving slaps on the wrists to criminals and felons with violent and gun related crimes turning them right back out onto the streets and prosecute these criminals with our just laws.