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SB698

I'm writing to voice my **STRONG OPPOSITION** to SB 698. This bill would remove the affirmative defense protection from Concealed Handgun Licensees possessing a firearm in certain buildings & nearby grounds, resulting in a Class A misdemeanor conviction & 1 year in jail (& a **FELONY** for non-CHL holders!). It also expands to **MANY** public places already off-limits to law-abiding gun owners.

CHL holders are among the most law-abiding citizens in our society. We have gone through extensive training and thorough background checks before being granted the "privilege" of exercising our 2nd Amendment right of self-protection. The fact that this legislature would deliberately target the **MOST** law-abiding Oregonians is outrageous.

Statistics show that the **ONE** thing that stops an active criminal shooter (98% of which occur in "gun-free zones") is an armed, trained individual with the ability to neutralizing the threat. When seconds count, police are minutes or more away, making us **ALL** First Responders. As a lawfully armed & trained female, I have a fighting chance against a larger male attacker, a mass shooter or a domestic abuser. This ridiculous & dangerous bill will prohibit a woman from even carrying mace or pepper spray in her purse. How dare this legislature take away a woman's right to defend herself against violent attack!

Finally, SB 698 will force law-abiding Oregonians to leave self-defense tools in their cars, resulting in a potential increase of thefts. Every year this legislature passes more laws to hamstringing the police & reduce penalties for criminals while simultaneously criminalizing victims & law-abiding citizens. The irresponsibility of this legislature and the constant attempts to deny of our Constitutional rights is truly astounding.

Sincerely,

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