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I have served 4 years in the United States Marine Corps. I deployed in 1992 to Somalia. I was a part of the initial beach assault on Dec 9th 1992. While there i witnessed true oppression. I witnessed citizens stripped of their way to defend themselves against gangs of I well armed Guerillas. I watched innocent people slaughtered in the streets with nothing but a small knife to defend their families. I served 9 years in the Oregon National Guard. A part of my National Guard enlistment I served as a Range Control official at Camp Rilea. I witnessed many different types of people with many different types of skill levels in weapons handling. I could clearly see people struggling to hit the target with limited amount of rounds. It was parr of the training course to have a magazine with only ten rounds. You had 2 minutes to empty that magazine. The average shooter hit 50% in an expected scenerio. An attack is an uncontrolled, unexpected event. The adrenaline rush itself guarantees the defender to be highly inaccurate. I mean our own highly trained police officers still shoot multiple times at deadly threats. Do you think your neighbor could do the same?

I also served as a Rainier City Police Reserve for 5 years. During that service I witnessed many different scenarios of victims not capable of defending themselves. They could not afford to buy guns and practice with expensive ammo. You can read through endless amounts of literature on how to handle a weapon for protection but you have to have hands on practical applications to be proficient on the task.

Why i oppose this bill. I believe it limits an average person with an average weapon skill, the ability to effectively protect themselves. The magazine reduction limits an average skilled person the ability to gain an effective target acquisition and accurately stop the incoming threat. As a police officer, i witnessed too examples of needless destruction that could have been stopped with a proper defensive tactics. Most women cannot fight a man. But they can use a tool(hand gun or rifle) to deter a vicious attacker. If we limit those who seek protection from gaining that protection isn't it the exact opposite of what you are claim this bill to be about? We need to protect our citizens the only way we can. To teach them to defend themselves and those we love. This bill will complicate this in too many ways. Please protect our citizens by giving them the confidence to stand up against an abuser or an assault. As a police officer it took me far too long to respond to a distress call. Let us teach these citizen's the way to keep control of a situation until the authorities arrive. Together we can find a way to reduce the negative impressions of guns and educate the masses of the positive purpose guns can have in our lives.

Thank you for your time. I respect the idea that this bill is trying to create but it will not

help. It will hinder.

God bless you all. I pray God clears your head to make a sound and helpful decision.