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This bill, while potentially well intentioned, is a violation of the second amendment and an unnecessary restriction on Oregonian's rights to protect and defend themselves. The furthering of restrictions on concealed license holders does nothing to deter or prevent crime or violence, and serves only to disarm citizens. I can see no good to come of this, and here's why: criminals and violent offenders, and concealed carry licensees are polar opposites, and as we know from other laws that have failed to lower gun violence, further legislation only restricts those who follow it. The kinds of people we want to be armed in a concealed manner. The kinds of people that stand up for others who may not be able to stand up for themselves. The kinds of people who would respond to a violent crime by going towards it rather than away, and using their rights to defend the people and defy the violence in our communities. The kinds of people this state was built by and for. I urge this congress to resist the influences of out of state financiers and recall that they serve the people of Oregon first and foremost, not just the people of Portland, or the lobbyists, but the people of the entire state.