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On Behalf Of:

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This bill is an unlawful piece of legislation and must not be allowed to pass.

I STRONGLY OPPOSE this bill, and urge the legislature to ABANDON the efforts here, and side with our Federally Protected rights as American Citizens.

This seeks to move the goal posts again of where 2A protected rights may be exercised, and narrows the rights of the people. The 2A and 14A guarantee a right to self defense inside and outside the home, including to carry a firearm. When SB554 was passed, it required safe storage. If I carry my firearm outside the home, and because of this restriction, I lock it in my vehicle to enter a "prohibited place" or "gun-free zone", what happens if that gun get's stolen? Do criminals obey the gun-free zone signs? Schools are already gun-free zones by state and federal law, but exceptions are made for Law Enforcement and CHL holders.

No documented school shooting has ever occurred by the hands of a CHL holder.

While the argument about public safety is often used, and not relevant because NYSRA v Bruen struck down INTEREST BALANCING: Concealed carry holders are NOT a threat to public safety, and are not criminals. However, this seeks to make the exercising of a constitutionally protected right a crime. This is literal tyranny.

Furthermore the US DOJ recently issued a statement urging states to stop infringing on citizens second amendment protected rights. Note that I did not say "Second Amendment Rights". This is because the Second Amendment does NOT GRANT the right, it protects the PRE-EXISTING right from INFRINGEMENT by a tyrannical government.

Failure to stop infringements will result in investigations, and very likely lawsuits from the USDOJ against the offending states. Oregon is definitely offending and I have personally files civil rights complaints to the DOJ Civil Rights division. I will continue to do so until Oregon stops infringements. I will upload a copy of their press release for your review.

Stop wasting tax dollars on oppression of citizens rights, spend it on things that make Oregon better. Like education. Teach firearm safety in schools. Focus on mental health.