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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB696

Dear Oregon Senators,

I'm writing in opposition of SB 696 for the following reasons:

The litany of definitions in this bill simply allows a new device/function with a new name to be created. Laws that attempt to spell out every known market device by a name and definition are simply a set-up for failure and that will be circumvented by imagination and creativity.

The fact that possession is (perhaps) a year in jail and a small monetary fine seems to indicate that the proposed legislation is more of a nuisance finder than prevention.

While bigger penalties are envisioned for manufacture, transport and reception of such a device is envisioned, this as with many other gun legislation, creates double jeopardy on people who may move here, bringing a device that is legal in their State and now open themselves up to 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for the act of driving across the State line.

This does not stop any criminal from obtaining or using such a device. Most of these devices are simple to manufacture with information on line and simple 3D printers.

What is missing is devastating criminal penalties for use of one of these devices in the commission of a crime, instead, use of this at a firing range by a registered gun owner, where conditions are safe AND highly regulated, is the likely legal application of this legislation. At all ranges in Eugene, fully automatic or rapid fire shooting is actually regulated and not allowed except in legal and controlled settings. This is rare and use in these settings protect the public to the maximum.

Creating yet another law, with verbose attention to known product names instead of a simple law that outlaws the easily definable outcome of ANY present and future device of this nature is counterproductive and simply virtue signaling. Creating dozens of laws without looking at the totality of actions, intents and real analyzed data showing an understanding of danger by the legally authorized gun owners (that this measure encumbers), simply continues to pressure the non-criminals. It's like adding what you might presume to be a useful new safety feature for every injury suffered in a car crash without ever doing anything to study and understand the reason people are crashing and thereby creating appropriate laws to deal with those

issues.

Fully automatic weapons are already clearly controlled. I do not believe that automatic weapons are the source of any recent crimes. Let's move on to dealing with the State's pressing issues and avoid simply creating a law that will be hard to enforce and take endless hours of court time to adjudicate issues of intent to transport and manufacture.

Sincerely,

Randall Shafer