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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB697

Dear Oregon Senators,

I'm writing to express my concerns for limitations of gun ownership placed on citizens who are eligible for military service (entitled to die for this country) and who are registered voters. If neither of these decisions for 18 year olds is beyond their capacity to reason, then neither is restriction of gun ownership of any legal firearm they chose. Gun ownership is by and large a family interest, which in all instances that I have witnessed in my 70 years of life, creates respectful and safe gun owners.

I urge you to consider this bill an unnecessary restriction on the rights of adult Oregonians, who are capable of voting and serving in our military.

Finally, there is an implication by name that Russell Paul Evans (act) was somehow affected by gun violence in this case, when there is no historical account other than a long time Oregonian who passed away long ago. For clarity and honesty, this simply needs to be called the Oregon Legal Adult Age Gun Ownership Restriction bill.

We have so much more to do in this state than restrict gun ownership. This does nothing to prevent criminals of any age from acquiring a gun of their choice. Please find the time and fortitude to focus on the needs of the people; Public Safety, Homelessness, Drug Crises and Excessively high taxes.

Sincerely,

Randall Shafer