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Senate Committee on Judiciary

Senate Bill 697

Dear Chair Senator Prozanski, Vice-Chair Senator Thatcher and members of the Committee:

Sponsors and supporters of legislation such as SB 697 have come up with a real winner this time. Some one under the magic age of 21 years possesses a firearm and is put in jail for nearly a year and fined \$6,250, or both. If I, a father, give my son, under 21, a rifle I'm guilty. What is going on in this state?

The sponsors of SB 697 really need to sit back and re-think this. The age of 18 is the age of majority. It is the age when persons can enter into legal contracts. It is when persons can vote. It is the age of joining the military without parental approval. There's nothing special about age 21.

Where does the great state of Oregon think Senate Bills such as this are leading us? Some sort of Utopia? With bills such as this being promulgated it sure looks like our legislature does not have the citizens best interests at heart.

I can not urge you strongly enough to stop this bill.

Thank you,
Richard Wisner