

# Michael C. Smith

Date: 6 April 2026  
To: Senate Judiciary Committee  
From: Michael C. Smith  
Re: Support for SB 696

Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher, and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary,

My name is Michael Smith. For purposes of identification, I am a gun owning Democrat. While I serve many roles in the Democratic Parties of Oregon and Multnomah County, I'm providing this testimony today in a personal capacity.

I have examined SB 696, and I support this bill as written. SB 696 would ban rapid-fire devices - that is, devices that, when installed on semi-automatic firearms, enable them to fire more rapidly than if the operator were using a simple semi-automatic trigger mechanism. Devices like these make mass shootings more deadly and should be regulated the same way that we regulate machine guns. To the credit of the authors of this bill, the bill has an exception for registered machine guns. I would urge the Committee to keep this component of the Amendment.

That said, I caution the Committee to consider that the Supreme Court recently overturned a similar federal ban on rapid-fire devices in [Garland v. Cargill \(2024\)](#). The Committee should consider whether SB 696 needs to be amended to protect an Oregon ban from a similar court challenge.

Sincerely,

Michael C. Smith