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This bill is being presented as a simple ammendment of terminology, with zero fiscal impact. Fortunately, we the citizens are not as inept in thinking through to the impact of this type of bill, as some of our elected representatives, and anti-constitution groups believe we are. This is not a simple verbiage change, nor would it have zero fiscal impact on our state.

I will keep my testimony short, but this bill presses the boundaries of our State Constitution for starters. We the citizens of our state have a duty to defend our state up to and including force if necessary from threats or attack. Our first line of defense is not our National Guard. It is the individual citizens of our state. The changing of the verbiage and removing the private citizens as part of our state militia. Applying that term to only our State National Guard has enormous impact on our duties and rights as citizens of our beloved state. Further more, the wording in this bill threatens very open ended and broad dangerous legal issues for families, groups of friends, firearm enthusiasts, small businesses, such as shooting ranges. Really, any group of individuals participating in any event that allows for the utilization of our fundamental right to use our firearms for recreational activities or simply practice or train in the functionality and use of the tools we rightfully own. This bill reads as though there will be legal ramifications for those honest, law abiding citizens that may enjoy carrying or training with like minded individuals for many reasons. Reasons of which are in no way malicious or ill in their intent.

Second, pertaining to the fiscal impact. The changing of terminology would have an enormous impact on many of our current state laws, rules, current legislation, and future litigation. Which in turn will have huge fiscal impacts to our state and our budget. To say there is no fiscal impact is an out right lie.

Third, this bill is nothing more than one more weapon being used to weaken our State and Federal Constitutions, and our fundamental rights as citizens. Horrible games are being played with our rights, by some in our elected positions. HB 3075, 3076, SB 243, in combination with HB 947 are obvious, blatent moves to trample our rights. These bills in no way shape or form, are written to protect lives in Oregon. The only impact they are meant to have is on the honest, law abiding, and most vulnerable citizens.

Please join your constituents, and say NO! to 947.

Thank you,
Bryan McGregor and family.