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Room H50

*"A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state.
The right of the people to keep and bear arms
SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED!"*

Chair Prozanski, members of the committee:

My name is Jason Schmidt. I'm an Oregonian, small business owner, and a concealed handgun license holder. I am opposing all of the anti-gun bills being heard today.

CHL Holders must:

- Not have any outstanding warrants or be free on any form of pre-trial release
- Never have been convicted of a felony
- Not have been convicted of a misdemeanor in the last four years
- Not be a registered sex offender
- Not have a stalking or restraining order against them
- Pass a background check
- Provide written documentation that demonstrates they have taken a handgun safety course
- Among other requirements

As you can see, We CHL holders are law abiding citizens that have the right to protect ourselves and our families. Where ever that may be, like at home, on the road, in a school, or public building or property. These bills being heard today are only going to punish us law abiding citizens. They will NOT affect criminals at all.

Looking at shooting tragedies in the last decade, you can find two common traits among the killers.

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1. They all were on or recently off of psychotropic drugs such as Prozac, Paxil, or Ritalin.
2. NONE of them were CHL holders.

Stop punishing law abiding citizens.

Oh, and like Steve Jobs used to say, just one more thing...

That claim about 40% of gun sales lack background checks is a lie. It's a 20 year old survey that targeted the years 1993 and 1994. If you remember, 1994 was the year the Brady Act requirements for background checks went into effect. This survey only sampled 251 people, with a response rate of 50% which is 125 people. Out of that response, 35.7% of them said they acquired a gun without a background check. Somehow 35.7% can be rounded up to 40%. Once they added in the account that some of these guns were from family inheritance, that percentage dropped to 26.4%, which equates to just 33 people out of 251.

How can 33 people surveyed 20 years ago be used as a national statistic? If not to only further a gun control agenda fueled by ignorance and hate.

Vote no on Senate Bills 347, 699, 700, 796.

God Bless America.

Sincerely,

Jason Schmidt