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Regarding:

State Senate Gun Bills

- **Senate Bill 347** – takes away CHL holders' right to protect themselves on school grounds.
- **Senate Bill 699** – takes away CHL holder's right to protect themselves in the state Capitol.
  Senate Bill 700 – expands background checks to private sales, including fee, stores information for 5 years, doesn't fix gaping holes in current background check system.
- **Senate Bill 796** – requires extensive, timed firing range test to get a CHL

As law-abiding citizens of Oregon, we testify that these proposed bills would infringe on a citizen's right to protect themselves. The second amendment in our state's Constitution as well as our nation's Constitution in no way gives government the authority to take our right to bear arms away--even incrementally. These 2nd amendments are not to be tampered with-- to do so will have repercussions to the safety of our law-abiding citizens that no one can possibly predict, but a careful study of history will prove that such a direction would place our liberty in peril. Please respect our founding by acknowledging that our inherent rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are given by God, not government. Government was never intended to be God, therefore cannot take these rights away. Our Constitution was created to protect us from man's natural tendency to control others. To challenge our 2nd amendment right is a direct attempt to control the people of this state. We are certain that a careful contemplation of truth by our representatives in government will awaken them to the necessity of dispensing with the pursuit of these bills. We invite the Committee to examine their true motives.

With gratitude for your faithful service,
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