

Written Testimony for April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013 for SB347, 699,700 and 796.

I Matt Griffith was originally only going to give a verbal testimony at the committee but was unable to due to the time that was given and only 60 people were allowed to speak. So I am doing a written testimony for the record instead.

I would like to thank you for a public hearing on these bills, and will greatly appreciate you taking the time to read my testimony on these anti 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment bills.

I urge everyone to vote no on all bills including amendments and any future bills of this nature, and I will give you my view for my reasons. I have a conclusion of which would be a better approach to some of the issues of mental health.

SB-347. This is a bad bill that will create “gun free zones” also known as kill zones and more innocent children will be murdered in the future if this bill becomes law. This bill targets Law Abiding citizens who have had background checks and are not criminals; this bill is harassment on law abiding citizens. There has never been a CHL holder shooting on school grounds therefore this in my opinions is another way of disarming law abiding citizens and illegally infringes on our 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment rights including article I section 27 of the Oregon constitution which clearly states” The people shall have a right to bear arms for the defense of themselves and the state, but the military shall be kept in strict subordination to the civil power. These are clearly enumerated rights of the people and shall not be infringed upon by a tyrant government.

SB-699 another target on law abiding citizens, once again no CHL holder has shot anyone at the capitol, this is harassment to CHL holders which are law abiding citizens and should not be treated like criminals. This is another infringement on our 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment rights to keep and bear arms.

SB-700 Once again an attack on law abiding citizens. We have a right to transfer our arms to our families. Last time I checked most people do not save a sales receipt of a purchase. This is not where felons are getting guns from they are stealing them or getting from a straw purchase. We all ready do background checks. It is 10 years in prison for buying a gun for someone who cannot. If you have heard recently Eric Holder and the Obama administration had a program called Fast and Furious a complete gun running straw purchase they allowed these guns to walk and did not prosecute those people. As a result of this government program 50,000 Mexicans died in Mexico. Some of these guns have been recovered in the US as well. This is the problem of how felons get guns, so enforce the current laws and prosecute the criminals. Stop targeting law abiding citizens who already do background checks from FFL dealers and gun shows, Private sales are very very small and do not contribute to this false 40% sales that keep getting brought up. The sample was very small and most low information people don't know what ffl stands for. The study only had about 250 people who answered that question out of 2200, and they survey to the question is very vague and data numbers are manipulated to say there is a problem where there is not.

SB- 796 This bill once again attacks law abiding citizens; this bill is a target to disarm law abiding citizens who are not criminals. CHL holders are not police and should not have to go through police style firing range to obtain a CHL. They already received handgun training course which teaches safe handling of a handgun and where to store it and where it should be in public, which is on the CHL holder not in a purse or anywhere a criminal could access it. Requiring chl holder to fire multiple shots at a range will only hurt people who cannot afford to join a club. This is also bad because CHL holder has there CHL for self defense protection and are not responsible to protect others, and should not be subjected to police style training. They are not police and should not be targeted with that kind of training for self defense. This bill is only going to hurt low income law abiding citizens who are just trying to protect themselves from bodily harm from bad criminals.

Conclusion: Mental health is an issue as people who have issues are allowed to wonder the streets instead of being locked up. The aurora shooter had a mental health problem he was seeking his psychiatrist and he sent her a a notebook with his intentions to hurt people and she did nothing to stop it. The only way to stop someone is if they brag about it or tell others. You can't arrest someone if they haven't done anything. I believe we need to focus on getting the mentally ill locked up in state hospitals so they can not injure the public. All of these bills didn't address that only targeted CHL holders who have done nothing wrong. All of these bills are just an attack on our 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment rights; anyone who is proposing these is acting like a tyrant dictator, trying to disarm law abiding citizens. History tells us this, remember World War II, millions of Jews died because Adolph Hitler, because he disarmed them. Prosecute straw purchasers and anyone who lies on a background check or buys for someone who can't if we don't enforce our current laws we will always have issued with felon possessing firearms illegally. My best suggestion would be anyone who is on parole as a convicted felon, make the parole officers responsible to make sure the felon is disarmed and doesn't have a firearm. This is the best option we have against criminals. Thanks again for reading my testament.

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