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To: [SJUD Exhibits](#)
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Dear Sirs and Ma'ams,

As the Senate Judiciary Committee considers instituting a new licensing regime for concealed handgun licenses, and new laws that allow the removal of lawfully owned property from its owners, I must ask them what purpose these restrictions serve. Is it to protect people? How about women, or minorities?

SB 868 offers the opportunity to family or partners to deprive a family member or their partner of their firearms, with relatively little on the due process side. However, as women are most likely to be targeted for violence by their partner or a family member, and more likely to need to the equalizing potential of technology, I don't regard the fact that a partner could deprive me of my arms against their stalking or threats as a feature. SB 868 reads like an abusive partner's or father's dream.

In addition, SB 764 institutes a harsh new licensing regime. Many law-abiding people who commit sudden, "out of nowhere" crimes with guns, like so-called "active shooters", already meet the legal requirements to own and operate these firearms, and those who don't already would be caught under most existing gun laws... if they were enforced. Tightening up licenses historically has just been used to make it harder for those who live in poor areas, who most need the option to use firearms for defensive purposes, to arm and defend themselves legally. In Illinois, no one ever wrote "make it harder for Black people to get licenses, even if they're law-abiding Air Force reservists" into the law, but that's how it's gone down. A law does not have to be explicitly racist to serve racist ends.

If you absolutely must pass laws of these nature, in spite of the dubious benefit, at the already significant costs, you should seal off every chance of them being misused by malevolent individuals, because these bills will bring court cases to the state, and the costs will be high on an already endangered budget. And even in Portland, I can walk around my very own neighborhood and see many people who proudly advertise that they, true to the independent streak of this city and state, intend to defend their own home against intruders, by their own means: a gun. I can guarantee you they will not be happy with these restrictions.

Sincerely,
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