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Please accept this email as my testimony for LC 38.

I am a life long citizen of the State of Oregon, my history is that I am a recently retired First Responder in one of Oregon's largest cities as well as an active outdoors enthusiast, community volunteer and protector of my family. This email is testimony opposing LC 38.

I and my wife own our home, pay taxes (a lot of taxes) to the City we live and the State of Oregon. However, as stated I own my home and should be free to do as I wish, how I wish, within it. LC 38 is truly an invasion of what I can and can't do. I believe that it is my responsibility to protect my life, the life of my wife and of those who choose to peacefully visit my residence and that the right should not be impeded by an absurd law preventing me from a delay in doing so in any fashion.

Your law is targeting me, a legal citizen, a law abiding citizen who has never been arrested for a crime, a citizen who should have the right to protect themselves at the moment they need to take such defensive action. As I said, I live in Oregon's 5th largest city that has a current population of over 100,000 people. I also know for a fact that our police department staffs its patrol force on any given weekend with small and inadequate number of officers. This inadequate staffing level creates delay in response times especially when officers are committed to other priority incidents. Your proposed law is telling me through the advancement of your legislative concept that I or the citizens around me and throughout the state of Oregon (who by the way have a much lesser law enforcement service than I do in many areas) should lock our firearms and delay the action of self defense if needed.

Situational awareness is a must but we often feel that we can relax that stress when we are within the confines of our home. If a firearm is needed for defense, it is needed now, and the vast majority of law enforcement officers will tell you that. The bad guy/girl is relying on the element of surprise to take advantage of a person they are intending to violently disrupt. In those seconds the good guy/girl must have the opportunity react with the same element of surprise in order to successfully deter, prevent or stop the violent action from continuing. I ask that the legislature do not take that right of opportunity to defend ourselves away by forwarding LC 38. This bill will be more detrimental to honest citizen than to those offenders who won't comply with the law to begin with.

Respectfully,

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