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Subject: Testimony regarding Legislative Concept 38
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My name is Don Denning, a registered elector residing in Deschutes County and a lifetime Oregon resident.

I am writing to express my displeasure with, and disapproval of LC38, which is nothing more than a new version of failed legislation from the 2019 session.

Remember when over 4000 Oregonians showed up at the Capitol in one day last year to peacefully express their opposition to this legislation and thousands of others submitted written testimony in opposition?

What part of the people's voice didn't you hear?

The fact that you are trying to cram this through in the short session shows the legislature's ignorance of the real issues, disregard for the will of the people, the obvious catering to fringe special interest groups from Portland, and it is an obvious payback for the Republican walkout. Truly sickening. Adding the "emergency clause" is adding insult to injury and further abuse of power.

This is not what the short session was designed for and using it as a political weapon is a true abuse of power! Shame on you all!

The mandatory lockup clause will render your citizens defenseless at critical times and cause more deaths than it will save. Not to mention making criminals of law abiding gun owners.

The liability clause is absolutely ridiculous. There is no element of safety here. It is simply one more way for you to punish law abiding gun owners. How can you legally justify this? Why not put the same liability on car owners if their car is stolen or sold and harms someone later? This concept is juvenile, likely illegal, definitely unconstitutional, and an absolute insult to the citizens of the great state of Oregon.

Lawful gun owners are for the most part good people. We observe the existing laws, which in some cases are already overreaching, we care for other human beings, and WE VOTE!

Do not try to punish the law abiding for unlawful acts of others and stop making a mockery of your duties as elected officials.

Pay close attention to what's going on in Virginia. Have you seen the current lawsuits in WA? People are being pushed to the breaking point there. Is that what you want in Oregon? I fear that's what you will get.

People still have "WILL NOT COMPLY" yard signs, bumper stickers, etc. You may find that amusing. They mean it. I mean it. It's not posturing. We have constitutional rights and we will not give them up.

Please wake up, stick to more urgent business, stop catering to a few rabid gun hating groups,

and do the right thing by killing this legislation now!

Respectfully,

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