

Members of the Committee, I'm writing you to express my strong opposition to this bill and amendment.

First of all, I strongly believe that omnibus bills of any type are a signal of weak and lazy legislating. Omnibus bills also generally make it harder for ordinary citizens to understand exactly what consequences there are from passing aiad bills.

My main contention with the this partiular bill is that it, like most proposed gun control, become attacks on poor and rural gun owners.

By and large concealed handgun licence(CHL) holders are one of the most law abiding group of gun owners across the country. There are more police officers tried and convicted of felonies every year than concealed carry holders. I can only think of one case in recent history where a CHL holder was arrested and tried and in that case, no shots were fired and the suspect completely complied with the arresting officers. This case is also still being tried in the courts. CHL holders have demonstrated the fact that we are not violent, we are not dangerous, and that we care so much about the safety of ourselves and others that we are willing to take the steps to ensure that nobody can impose their will on us, our loved ones and/or innocent bystanders.

By making costs higher and allowing localities to make more "gun free zones" you are making it harder for the poor to exercise their rights and also forcing law abiding CHL holders to disarm in places that that no other security. Gun free zones are not a magic force field. They only serve to disarm the law abiding.

The safe storage requirments, first of all will probably not survive a court challenge based on the language in the decision rendered in DC vs Heller.

" We must also address the District's requirement (as applied to respondent's handgun) that firearms in the home be rendered and kept inoperable at all times. This makes it impossible for citizens to use them for the core lawful purpose of self-defense and is hence unconstitutional"

I believe that the storage requirements in this bill would fall under this umbrella by making it virtually impossible for a citizen to gain access to their weapon and ammunition for the lawful purpose of self-defense

Also, as a further attack on poor gun owners, gun lock and gun cabinets are not secure the same way that a heavy and expensive safe are. Even if a gun owner makes a good faith effort to lock their gun up, they are still placed in the position of defending themselves agaisnt the law should their gun be stolen and used in a crime. Again, placing poor gun owners in a position where they will have to sped money and possibly time away from their work and families to defend themselves agaisnt a crime manufactured by this law.

Also, living in a rural area, like I do, the storage laws put me at a great disadvantage if I should need to defend myself. Tillamook County usually has two-four law enforcement officers available for the whole county at one time. That is a lot of area to cover when time is important. Since criminals will now know that law abiding gun owners will not have quick access to their weapons, this law could actually serve to make the citizens of this state less safe and at the mercy of police responce times.

I asko the council to please consider the effect of this law on the safety of poor and rural Oregonians and to vote against this bill

Thank you
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