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To: SJUD Exhibits; Sen Boquist; Rep Nearman
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I'm a 61-year-old Native Oregonian, wife, mother of daughters, grandmother of granddaughters, and concealed carrier. I believe in the 2nd Amendment and I believe that taking away the right to protect myself and the people I love is criminal.

The 2nd Amendment has never been about hunting or sport shooting. It's about protecting us from enemies, foreign and domestic. Consider the wars that we have basically lost, Vietnam and Afghanistan. We could never win because they had guns, lots of guns. And for that reason no country could win a war with us, unless you take our guns away for them.

The following are bullet points to save time (no pun intended because this is not funny!)

- * Guns are the greatest EQUALIZER for females who can be prey for ex's and bullies.
- * Gun control hurts minorities, it especially hurts women by taking away protection for themselves and their loved ones.
- * Gun Free zones, which will be most of many cities in Oregon, have proven over and over again that mentally deranged cowards will shoot people there.
- * A locked up gun is worthless to anyone who wants to protect themselves and loved ones.
- * Guns without bullets are called clubs and again worthless.
- * It's sickeningly ironic that a state lead by women are putting us at risk while they are protected by GUNS.
- * Please EMPOWER women of all ages to learn to use a gun just as they would a sharp knife, a power saw, boiling oil, chemicals, bats, pepper spray and any item that could be used for protection yet banned in these amendments.
- * Pro Choice can save lives if you don't take the choice away, unlike the ProChoice many profess to believe in that only takes lives.

Please consider the danger that will surround so many people if you take away their rights to chose to own and carry. (Yet you won't have to give up that right yourselves will you?)

Be brave and do what's right!

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