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Hello Senate Judiciary Committee;

I'm a relatively new resident of the great state of Oregon that has relocated here from CA. One of the many reasons my family decided to relocate to OR is all the outdoor activities that are available here. Hunting, fishing, shooting, camping, boating, and too many others to list.

First, a little about me. I'm a late 50's male, have worked my entire life, have never been arrested or spent a night in jail, and my only interaction with Police for which I've been at fault has been an occasional traffic citation over the years.

Now back to the many activities that OR offers. One of my personal favorites is shooting, which is why I was very excited to make the move north. CA has continued restricting firearms more and more each year, and is now moving on to ammo. The available list of CA "approved" firearms has been shrinking each year. The waiting times and purchasing restrictions seem to get worse each year. Being a Pro 2nd Amendment family, I took the time to carefully check out the rules for firearms prior to making the move. I liked what I found. With an approved Criminal Background Check, I could purchase a gun and use it the same day. I could walk into a store and purchase needed ammo, and I could relatively easily find a safe and proper place to practice shooting. The most important thing was I felt confident that with OR firearm rules, I didn't have to worry about the safety and security of me or my family in the unlikely event that someone had broken into our home and threatened us. Even if the nearest Police Officer or Sheriff's Deputy is 20 minutes away, I'm confident my family will be protected during the time it takes the LEO officer to make it to our home.

Needless to say, the list of new Anti 2nd Amendment bills that have recently been brought up concern me greatly. One of the things that personally drew me to OR is now being threatened. From reading these bills I'm beginning to feel like the criminal, and the actual criminals are the victims. I think we can all agree that none of these bills will do anything to reduce crime. Criminals aren't concerned about living according to the law like I and every other legal gun owner that I know are. These bills are giving criminals the advantage and putting us at a disadvantage.

To take it one step further, let's look at the ammo rationing in this bill. If passed, this bill will eliminate countless hobby shooters like me and indirectly reduce my skills due to lack of practice. It will eliminate countless small businesses in OR that depend on people like me to purchase products from them that are needed in my hobby, and it will pretty much eliminate the hunting industry. Guns, ammo, permits, processing shops, clothes, lodging, restaurants, supply stores, etc. All because the lawful owners of firearms are being punished for the acts of criminals.

Why have these instances of violence happened? I wish I could answer that. But what I can tell you is back in my High School days in the late 70's, we actually had a Gun Club at school, every Thursday afternoon. Thursday mornings everyone in the club, and those wanting to join would walk in with our pistols, shotguns, and rifles. None of the guns were armed, but we did bring in ammo to show

the difference, and even re-loaded ammo. Thursday mornings upon arrival and Thursday afternoons when we were departing school, no one looked at us funny, no one from the office called the Police, no one screamed, and most importantly no one was shot. Back then, guns didn't have the ability to just start shooting at people, and I don't believe they have that ability today. It was about learning how to safely handle a firearm to prevent accidental shootings whether you were on the range or out in the woods hunting.

So what has happened in the last 30-40 years? I don't know, but maybe that's something our Government officials need to take a look at. From the news reports I have read, it appears most of these mass shooters had psychological issues and some if not most were on meds. That might be a good starting point. But again, why should the rest of us be punished for the actions of the few? There must be a better option.

I'm not a real political guy. I vote for the person and not the party, but I can guarantee I will vote against anyone who is in favor of trying to make me out to be a criminal, and I will gladly vote for anyone who is looking out for those of us who value and want to maintain our 2nd Amendment rights. I've spent my entire life living within the rule of law. I've been a proud member of the NRA since I was a kid compliments of my father. To my knowledge there has never been a mass shooting committed by an NRA member or any other responsible gun owners group, yet these groups and organizations continue to be blamed, and for what?

I hope that common sense will win out and everyone in the sporting "industry" can have our rights prevail, the jobs protected, and those of us that just plain enjoy shooting be allowed to continue to shoot however many rounds we choose on a nice Saturday afternoon, whether it be 10 rounds or 500 rounds.

I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to send this to you, and I hope you keep this letter as well as the others that I'm sure you're receiving in mind when it comes time to vote on these "feel good but accomplishes nothing" bills.

I would hate to have to pack up again and move out of this great state, but I'm sure if these laws pass, I won't be the only one pulling up stakes.

Respectfully,

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