

Hello and good day to you Honorable Members of the Oregon Legislature,

I am contacting you today to officially offer my testimony in opposition to HB 4005, the latest Oregon gun law going through the House of Representatives.

My husband was a retired Veteran who taught me how to shoot and handle a gun. My brother in law in a retired police officer who also keeps me up to date on fire arms laws and practices fire arm safety with me.

I am but one of many and represent but one category of Oregon's residents and there are so many more you will be hearing from. I live in a very rural area which has seen quite an uptick in crimes. The crimes in our area use to be only in Sandy, Oregon but they moved up the mountain. We have, as would be expected, wildlife that roam through our properties which include those of the carnivorous variety. What this bill represents to us is our inability to protect ourselves, our families and our property's.

If I have to take the time to get to my safe, unlock it, find the key to the trigger lock, unlock my gun, load my gun then confront the threat it is already too late.

Too many of us do not have the funds to buy those new requirements this bill would impose upon us. But what this bill WOULD do is make us moving targets for the criminal element which we have witnessed an unfathomable increase in our state.

Why would you make criminals out of people trying to protect themselves when there are so many ready made criminals already here who pray upon law abiding citizens? This bill would end up with criminals (wantonly disobeying our laws) and police (reluctantly enforcing the new law) praying upon us at the same time. I am quite sure that is not what was meant when this bill was introduced last year nor in its present form.

I implore you to please not pass this bill out of the House. When time is of the essence time will not be on our side should it be passed.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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