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Re: HB 2510, gun control bill

To: House Committee on Healthcare

Honorable Chair, Vice-Chairs and Committee Members,

I am a fellow Oregonian, concerned citizen, and professional living and working in SE Portland. As such, I strongly urge you to oppose HB 2510.

First, HB 2510 is in direct conflict with the People of the State of Oregon. We The People of Oregon need to protect ourselves in our homes. To restrict us by NOT having immediate, unencumbered access as HB 2510 would require, this restriction could result in dire consequences, even murder by a criminal who does not care about any laws.

In light of increased unrest and violence, now is the time to support and defend law-abiding gun owners, especially in their own homes.

It is a fundamental right for a law-abiding single mom or woman (or man) to protect herself in her home, especially while asleep in the middle of the night. If she were to be awakened by a noise and felt in immediate danger, she would be already alarmed and nervous. If her gun were locked up in a safe or had a trigger lock or cable lock on it, this could be a matter of life or death for her. If she needed to walk over to a safe or box to fiddle with a combination or a key, this may take far too long to be ready to confront an evil intruder. She must have her handgun ready at all times. But if HB 2510 were to pass, she would NOT be able to defend herself. If she did not obey HB 2510 to protect herself, she would be committing a violation.

Furthermore, HB 2510 would hold a single mom liable if her gun were to be stolen and used in a crime. If her car were to be stole and used in a crime should she be held liable? I think not, nor would any reasonable person believe so. Neither should she be held liable if her gun were to be stolen.

Oregon already has plenty of laws now to discourage people from doing evil deeds. These laws need to be enforced.

Sincerely,

Zachary Ray