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Oregon legislators,

Good morning. I am submitting my testimony for the record on this 19th day of April, 2021. 245 years ago today in 1775 was Patriot's Day.

I have reached out to some of you in the past. Although not as often as I should have. As you well know, there has been a drastic uptick in firearms purchases both locally and nationally this past year. Some folks have owned and trained with firearms for various reasons for a long time. Many others are only beginning their journey as responsible firearms owners. I can imagine some of you are as well. The vast majority of citizens have obtained their tools through legal means. We submit to background checks. When acquiring a CHL we are subjected to an even more stringent set of requirements. We currently are subject to numerous laws and regulations to exercise a natural right that is guaranteed in the U.S. and Oregon constitution. Myself and others understand this bill and the onslaught of bills that are set to increase regulation of a right instead of decreasing regulations are an erosion of the very foundation of our nation. You must also understand that all gun control is rooted in racism and classism. Back to all of the new gun owners out there. Bravo for taking responsibility for yourselves and the people you hold most dear. Thank you for recognizing the opportunity to stand against tyranny. We are good and decent citizens. Protectors of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. This is not a partisan issue. This is also not an issue for well moneyed political backers. As an individual in these United States I oppose this bill and any others that do not promote training, education and our right to keep and bear arms.

Please take my words into consideration.

Sincerely,

Jon Hancock