February 10, 2021

Re: HB 2543, gun/firearm bill.

To: House Committee on Judiciary

Honorable Committee Members,

HB 2543 is a bad idea for several reasons. First, there are plenty of laws controlling firearms and you know that criminals do not even follow those.

Second, it is wrong – anti-American and anti-Constitutional – to place a prior restraint on anyone who does not have a criminal history.

Third, OSP has a bad record of poor record keeping and this would result in many infringements on Oregonians' freedom and rights. Also, OSP is often response-less for citizens.

When bad bills like this get passed, we end up with no recourse for persons who are wrongfully prevented from purchasing firearms.

Under this bill, a single woman who is being harassed by some criminal and who can never rely on quick protection from any state agency can be made to wait a long time or forever to protect herself and, if she has any, her children.

This is a bad bill. Please stop HB 2543 now.

Sincerely,

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