

Corrected bill number for my previous testimony:

I believe a no exceptions, no loopholes background check for any firearm transfer is a first-step bare minimum requirement for progress toward rational firearm regulation. As a former gun owner, I cannot understand why guns should not be treated very much the way cars and the privilege to drive are regulated: require obtaining a license after passing both a written and field test to use a gun, and pass a background check and show proof of liability insurance to own a gun. Nobody complains that the government is trying to take our cars away. I strongly support House Bill 2543 and hope that the Legislature makes it the law of Oregon.