

My name is Larry McDonald and I strongly oppose this proposal. As a gun owner and CHL holder, I find this attack on my constitutional right to keep and bear arms to be capricious because the proponents of this bill cannot provide any evidence that CHL holders present a public safety threat because the evidence does not exist. I find it highly objectionable that proponents of this proposal are making such an implication without evidence. In fact, there is much evidence to the contrary that CHL holders present a public safety threat. CHL holders undergo an extensive background check in order to obtain a CHL and as CHL holders, we realize we are held to higher standard in order to keep it. According to the FBI, there are two million DGU's per year, where the vast majority do not result in the discharge of a firearm. 40% of new gun purchases in Oregon, in 2020-2021 are first time gun buyers and Sheriffs Departments have been inundated with first CHL applicants. This buying spike is largely due to the ineptitude of Salem Democrats and their soft on crime legislation and their push to defund the police. This proposal contains arbitrary language that could subject otherwise law abiding Oregonians to arrest and prosecution and the State of Oregon would likely not prevail in a court challenge. This proposal is not about public safety as the proponents claim. It is an attempt to intimidate lawful gun owners into not exercising their right to keep and bear arms for fear that they could be subject arrest and prosecution due to the arbitrary language of this proposal. I encourage Republicans to deny Democrats a Quorum should this come to a vote.