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Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher,

My name is Nikki Zampardo.

I come before you in opposition to Senate Bill 571.

The current law in Oregon is; out of prison, even on parole for murder or rape, you have the right to vote.

SB 571 would grant serial killers, child molesters and rapists the same rights as law abiding citizens. No matter how shocking a felon's crime may have been, once they are released from prison, they have the exact same rights as law abiding citizens enjoy, including the right to vote.

There are approximately 14,000 inmates currently, about 75% of these inmates are incarcerated for violent felonies. I find this quite ironic that the very same Chairman is also the chairman/sponsor for SB 554, which violates law abiding citizen's constitutional rights that do not break the law? In summation, you propose to diminish law abiding gun owner's rights, attempt to imprison law-abiding citizens for lawfully exercising their 2nd amendment rights, and reward currently incarcerated serial killers, child molesters, and rapists. I am certain that the victims of criminals who committed crimes against them will feel safe knowing that the same criminals that committed acts of violence against them will be allowed to vote on issues that directly impact them, victimizing these victims all over again. I certainly do not want criminals voting on measures that directly impact law abiding citizens, it is completely and totally unconstitutional.

I am advising the committee to kill the bill.

Thank you,

Nikki Zampardo