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Testimony on SB 554

Public buildings belong to *all* Oregonians not just people who hate law abiding gun owners.

In 1989 gun owners made a deal with Vera Katz. In exchange for accepting waiting periods, Oregon would recognize the Second Amendment.

We were warned that blood would run in the streets. People would be shot over parking spaces.

And none of it happened. Gun owners played by the rules, took mandated classes, paid fees and subjected themselves to intrusive background checks to exercise a quote “right”.

No one has shot up an airport. There have been no gunfights at libraries.

CHL holders behaved peacefully and lawfully, because *that* is what they do.

It has been the position of my organization that we don’t make compromises and we don’t make deals because we believe the other side simply cannot be trusted to uphold them.

And while other people claiming to represent gun owners *still* want to bargain and extend olive branches, we *still* think that’s a fool’s errand.

If you pass this bill you will prove us right.

This bill serves no one and protects no one except criminals.

It's based on mindless hatred against people who have played by the rules. and I urge you to defeat it.