

Submitter: Carl Moore
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure: HB2007

I write tonight to express my strong opposition to HB2007

There is no evidence that crime is being committed by legal Concealed Handgun licensees. None. There is no more law-abiding group in our society, up to and including law enforcement.

I do not understand why, rather than attempting to remove guns from the hands of criminals, the State of Oregon seems hell-bent on removing the means of defense from the law abiding.

Drawing from history I will conclude with a quote from one of our founders.

"The laws that forbid the carrying of arms are laws of such a nature. They disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes.... Such laws make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assailants; they serve rather to encourage than to prevent homicides, for an unarmed man may be attacked with greater confidence than an armed man."

- Thomas Jefferson, Commonplace Book (quoting 18th century criminologist Cesare Beccaria), 1774-1776

If you prefer someone more "current" I give you the following. (Yes this is a direct quote, look it up if you dare)

"But if someone has a gun and is trying to kill you ... it would be reasonable to shoot back with your own gun."

- Dalai Lama