

Date: March 21, 2023
To: Chair, Rep. Jason Kropf
Vice Chair, Rep. Tom Anderson
House Committee on Judiciary
From: Kerry Spurgin
President, Oregon State Shooting Association (OSSA)
Regarding: OPPOSITION to HB2006



On behalf of OSSA, Oregon Citizens, and Hunters, I would like to testify AGAINST HB2006.

- HB2006, without ever saying the words, bans all possession, use, sporting use, and ownership of semiautomatic rifles from adults 18-20 years of age.
- HB2006 makes it unlawful for a person under 21 to participate in organized and supervised target shooting and competition events. [original 2(a)(B)]
- HB2006 eliminates common hunting for those under 18.
- HB2006 is powerless in addressing criminal activity.

Surveying the research – Data on the impacts of restricted access to rifles does not exist.

- Minimum age requirements for purchasing a firearm have **uncertain/inconclusive** effects on mass shootings, unintentional firearm deaths, total homicides, and firearm homicides.
- Suicide risks in rifle ownership remain unstudied. It is well documented that handguns are preferentially used in suicides, and pistols are already restricted from 18-20 year olds.

HB2006 does not reduce crime! HB2006 does, however, infringe on law abiding citizens.

There is no evidence, or logic, that supports that HB2006 additional requirements would ever be followed by existing or would be criminals. KGW8 investigative reports surveyed where the guns criminals use come from. In 2021, for over 1000 guns confiscated, the key sources were stolen, illegal purchase for others, and illegal black market.

Oregonians, you are being used! Do Not Stand for It!

HB2006, as is HB2005, HB2007 are crafted by groups outside Oregon and handed to our legislature to pass. This are direct examples of the national groups using Oregon citizens as pawns to test and further their agenda to infringe upon lawful firearms ownership.

Drive for Real Solutions!

OSSA recommends we steer our effort to confront the drivers and root causes of violent crime in our community. In our view, these are: Addiction, Mental Health, Lack of Law Enforcement Community Engagement, Not enforcing current laws, and Mental illness – Suicide Prevention. ([link](#))

OSSA sponsors the OSSA/OASRs Safety-Wellness Campaign (www.ossa.org/safety-wellness) to further drive safety in shooting sports and make our communities safer. We drive Basic Safety, Storage safety, Childrens Safety, and Suicide Prevention through active awareness and training programs with our clubs, members, and community.

Make a Choice!

Voting YES – Drives actions with no impact to violent crime and supports Oregon being used as a pawn.

Voting NO - Enables Time and Effort to make Oregon Safer through Real Solutions.

Respectfully, I ask, on behalf of OSSA's Members and Oregon Citizens, that the committee and the Oregon legislature REJECT HB2006

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I am an Oregon citizen as well as a member and President of the Oregon State Shooting Association (OSSA). The Oregon State Shooting Association directly represents nearly 15,000 members through member clubs and individual membership to foster safe and responsible firearms use as well as family-oriented shooting sports in Oregon. Additionally, OSSA provides information, resources, and assistance to over 100,000 Oregon hunters. OSSA, and its members, are strong supporters of the 2nd Amendment of the Bill of Rights, the US Constitution, and the Oregon Constitution that support the rights and responsibilities of safe and responsible firearm owners.