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I am writing in opposition to HB 2007 as an Oregon citizen. I have witnessed the decline of our state over the last thirty years, with rising crime, drug use, and violence. With the current lack of available law enforcement personnel, the former Governor releasing criminals from our prisons, rampant homelessness, over the last several years, some of our legislators keep going back to an idea that restricting our second amendment rights is somehow going to make life better and safer in Oregon. Now, even many of the churches I visit have armed security details, to protect their congregations.

How many "Gun" crimes have been committed by CHL holders in Oregon over the last several years? I don't recall hearing about any CHL holder committing "Gun" crimes. I have only heard just the opposite, CHL holders assisting in preventing "Gun" crimes. So, I am supposed to have faith that the concept of keeping CHL holders out of government buildings, off government properties, and the like, as well as the many private gun free locations, is going to have any positive effect in stopping any violent crime? Isn't this a time for common sense approaches to solve these important issues, rather than pushing a misleading political agenda?

The outcome of this bill will answer the question.