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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HB2572

Hello. My name is Paul Goodell, I am a resident of Brookings and I oppose this horrible bill. I see no purpose to this bill outside of giving the state the ability to prosecute people for defending their property/businesses from being destroyed by rioters (not protesters) like we saw in all over the country in 2020, Ferguson, Missouri in 2014 and Los Angeles in 1992. There are already laws on the books to stop bad actors from forming armed mobs that seek to intimidate/prevent people from exercising their 1st amendment rights. HB 2572 is unnecessary, blatantly unconstitutional and at face value, appears to seek making Oregon a safer place for certain groups of people to violate the human, civil and property rights of others. If you could, from now on, maybe practice a little constitutional analysis before wasting your time and our tax dollars trying to legislatively "throw spaghetti at the wall to see what sticks" that would be great.

Maybe a little research into these will help:
10 U.S. Code § 246 - Militia: composition and classes

The Oregon Constitution
Article 1 - Bill of Rights

Section 27. Right to bear arms; military subordinate to civil power. The people shall have the right to bear arms for the defence [sic] of themselves, and the State, but the Military shall be kept in strict subordination to the civil power[.]