

To the Committee,

Are you all ignorant of what gun control does to societies? Another layer of regulation will only cause more problems for law-abiding people. Dangerous criminals do not fill out paperwork, and they do not respect regulations.

We know that armed citizens will stop crime. This happened here in Oregon in 2012. On Dec. 11, 2012, Jacob Roberts opened fire at the Clackamas Town Center. He killed two people before a shopper, Nick Meli, drew his personal firearm and stopped the killer. Roberts used a stolen rifle to commit the crime. A background check would have only stopped the good-guy, and would not have deterred the killer.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clackamas_Town_Center_shooting

When James Holmes decided in 2012 to murder people at a cinema in Aurora, CO, he drove past other cinemas on the way to his target. He did this because the other cinemas allowed their patrons to carry firearms. But the Century Movie Theater had a "no weapons" policy, which is why the killer specifically targeted that location. An armed citizen could have stopped him from murdering twelve people. But honest people respected the cinema's "no weapons" policy, so nobody was able to stop Holmes before he shot sixty people.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Aurora_shooting

More gun control will enable more violent crime. Why is the government persecuting honest people? If you want to make Oregon a safer place, get rid of the current gun control laws that already jeopardize our safety.

-Nick Cooley