

*Dear Senators Prozanski, Thatcher, Dembrow, Linthicum, Manning:  
I strongly support the 2nd Amendment, the Oregon constitution which protects the right to keep and bear arms, and the natural law tradition, dating back to Magna Carta, which is expressed by these documents. I agree with the Courts that the conduct governed by the 2nd Amendment is (armed) self-defense, and this is expressed in the historical protections that are granted in this regard to citizens. While I think SB 797 infringes on these rights, if properly worded, it should not be an unfair burden to rights holders (the Oregon people). However, as worded, it does.*

*As worded, I strongly oppose SB 797 which gives the Oregon State Police the power to deny a firearm's transfer, literally forever. Representative Jennifer Williamson has stated that 95% of firearms transfer delays are in error. It makes no sense to delay, indefinitely, a transfer to a qualified buyer simply because OSP cannot correctly do their job. This is especially true in cases where the firearms dealer knows the buyer personally and knows he or she is qualified. I think that this could be handled by amendments: make an exception for OCHL holders, or for those the dealer personally knows. The buyer would still have to undergo a background check, but if, in a reasonable period of time, the OSP hasn't done it, these people would receive their firearm.*

*SB 868. while well-intended needs to be supplemented. The bill provides exactly **no** help for a person who is a danger to themselves and **no** protection for any family member who is in danger from the person whose rights will be taken. If the person who loses his or her rights is really dangerous, nothing in this bill addresses that danger. These are the real issues that need to be addressed.*

*I urge you to amend these bills.*

*Thank you for listening to my testimony.*

*Dr. Fred Young.*