

*Dear Senator Judiciary Committee,*

*I strongly oppose SB 797 which gives the Oregon State Police the power to deny a firearm's transfer, literally forever. Currently the OSP regularly delay or deny firearm's sales to buyers who are qualified to purchase. In fact, Representative Jennifer Williamson has stated that 95% of firearms transfer delays are in error. Let the State Police be allowed to spend their time performing the jobs they are hired to do each day; protect the general public.*

*It makes no sense to delay, indefinitely, a transfer to a qualified buyer simply because OSP cannot take their time to 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 also strongly oppose SB 868. This bill would allow a person to have his rights to own a gun stripped away simply because he bought a firearm or ammunition within the last 180 days! We buy guns or ammunition on a regular basis and have a lot of fun going to the gun ranges for trap shooting as well as going to our local ranges to practice target shooting. I want to be able to defend myself. There is no way to always count on a officer to be there to protect me.*

*Most of the behavior listed in the bill as reasons to take away a person's firearms are already disqualifiers for firearm ownership but the bill also allows a person to lose his gun rights because of "unlawful and reckless ... display or brandishing of a firearm.." What exactly is "reckless display or brandishing?"*

*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 people will eventually be unarmed by laws already on the books.*

*I urge you to vote NO on both these bills.*

*Thank you for allowing me to offer my very sincere input.*

*Respectfully Submitted:*

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