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To the Senate Judiciary Committee:

I am submitting this testimony with the hope that the God given right to defend one's self and family (not a man made or legislative right) will continue to be upheld as our founding fathers of both this sovereign nation and state recognized in our constitutions. Not only by our constitutions but by any documents written during our nations beginnings clearly state that citizens must remain armed without limitation. I could cite many documents but for the sake of time I will forego these references, but I will say take any name off the top of your head who had signed our nation's Declaration of Independance, those who brought forth the Constitution, and any of the Federalist Papers' authors and our right to bear arms is proclaimed as a necessity without limitation. SB 868, 797, and 764 place limitations on that right. It is unlawful to pass such legislation. I've served 5 years as a United States Army Infantryman which requires every member of its force to carry a fully automatic weapon of some sort while conducting operations overseas. While each member was to some degree trained with their weapon, I was the least trained of the personnel I deployed with. I was fresh out of boot camp deploying to Afghanistan. Not a single person over a span of 10 months was shot by a fellow soldier while conducting combat operations or during downtime. There was no law or legislation to regulate how anyone carried their weapons, loaded their weapons, or discharged their weapons. And not a single crime was committed in an extremely stressful, dangerous environment. I currently do not concealed carry but intend to get my concealed carry permit for the simple fact that it is my duty as a free human being to protect myself, my family, and my fellow man against all enemies foreign and domestic. That is not the duty of the armed forces, that is EVERY MAN'S (and WOMAN'S) duty. If we cannot preserve this nation or state ourselves without extreme legislation, the we have failed the founding fathers of our country and there is no saving this nation. Please, carefully consider the slow sacrifice of the people's rights. If you, our elected representatives and judiciaries, push to remove or restrict our ability as a people to defend this nation then the blood of this nation is on our hands for electing you, and the blood is on your hands for not representing the will of the people. If or when this nation and state falls to its knees, I can assure you that many will remember this day.

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I would prefer to remain anonymous if possible, but if necessary my name may be used.