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Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I would like to share with you why I am opposed to the proposals which you are considering; i.e. SB 60, HB 7218, HB 7219, & HB 7223. These proposals all have one common flaw. All our military veterans fight in wars to preserve the liberty we have in the freedom provided by our Constitution, both national and state. I can't help wondering why certain folks in government keep trying to destroy the liberty military veterans fight wars to preserve. Especially since the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment of the United States Constitution says, "...the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed." These proposals are infringement. And since the citizen gun owner is an integral part of the well-regulated militia, we are the reason Japan did not attack California, Oregon, and Washington State after Pearl Harbor. Admiral Yamamoto feared a gun behind every blade of grass. (Our Army alone does not have that many men or guns to fit that picture.) In addition to this: our state constitution says in Article 1 and Section 15, "Every citizen has a right to bear arms in defense of himself and the state." Our State's Constitution was written expressing the expectation of its framers that the citizen gun owner is an integral part in defending our state against invasion along with our national guard and police departments. It is the expectation of our founders and the duty of citizen gun owners to have the backs of our police and national guard in defense of the state. Regarding the real problem at hand: firearm safety training will fix the awful results that occur when those who are unknowing use their imagination. As you know, when somebody lets the smoke out of a gun, it cannot be packed back in.

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