



OREGON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

May 2, 2023

Timothy G. Sekerak
Chief Clerk of the House
State Capitol Building
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Vote Explanation on HB 2005-B

Dear Chief Clerk Sekerak,

Please accept this letter as my official vote explanation on House Bill 2005-B.

According to the United Supreme Court's jurisprudence, HB 2005-B is likely an unconstitutional infringement on my constituent's civil rights as prescribed by the Oregon and United States Constitutions.

The current policy of the State of Oregon is that discrimination based on age "threatens individual rights and privileges and menaces the institutions and foundations of a free democratic state" (OAR 839-005-0000). Yet, HB 2005-B discriminates based on age to buy a firearm.

HB 2005-B restricts the rights of law-abiding citizens to defend themselves in public spaces. Those who are most vulnerable to being harmed by violent crime are the ones who need this right the most. Those are my constituents. Yet, HB 2005-B unconstitutionally restricts when and where they can protect themselves with a firearm.

Finally, as this body reduces criminal penalties for many crimes, this bill will make felons out of law-abiding gun owners overnight for exercising their constitutional right to possess a firearm.

I took an oath to uphold the Constitution. I could not, in good conscience, vote for this bill.

Respectfully submitted into the House record,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tracy Cramer".

Tracy Cramer
State Representative
House District 22