



February 14, 2017

The Honorable Brian Boquist
900 Court St, NE
Room S-311
Salem, OR 97301

RE: SB 679 (Boquist) Governmental Agencies and Schools Firearm Policies
POSITION: SUPPORT
LOCATION: Senate Judiciary Committee

Dear Senator Boquist,

On behalf of the members and supporters of the Firearms Policy Coalition, I submit our full support of SB 679 (Boquist), which prohibits a governmental agency or school district from restricting or prohibiting firearms and provides that any policy contrary to this prohibition is void.

The Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitutions clearly states that "...the right to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed", while the Oregon Constitution states in Article 1, Section 27, "The people shall have the right to bear arms for the defence [sic] of themselves, and the State..." These rights do not end at the boundary of a school and we applaud you for introducing this very simple measure to ensure that Oregon state law is consistent with this fundamental concept.

For the reasons listed above we support the passage of SB 679, and any other similar measures that are consistent with the fundamental human right to self-defense and the enumerated right to keep and bear arms. We urge the committee to pass this measure.

In Freedom,

/s/
Philip Watson
Legislative Advocate

Cc: Senate Judiciary Committee, House Speaker, House Minority Leader