



February 14, 2017

The Honorable Fred Girod
900 Court St. NE, S-401
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: SB 775 (Girod) Licensed Firearms Transfers for CHL Holders
POSITION: SUPPORT
LOCATION: Judiciary

Dear Senator Girod,

On behalf of the members and supporters of the Firearms Policy Coalition I extend our full support of SB 775, a measure that seeks to exempt licensed Oregon Concealed Handgun License (CHL) holders from duplicitous firearms transfer requirements.

Currently, holders of Oregon CHLs go through the strictest level of background checks in the country.

Making CHL holders travel a long distances and pay additional fees simply to engage in a simple transaction with another CHL holder is a redundant and needless process. Mundane, every-day activities CHL holders engage in such as testing, competitions, hunting, or collecting could leave law abiding CHL holders in danger of needless and pointless prosecution.

Limited public resources need to be focused on finding and incarcerating criminals, not law abiding Oregon CHL holders.

Adding CHL holders as exempted from the "transfer" law would also increase compliance and public safety by making the law easier to comply with, and, encouraging more individuals to go through the process of obtaining a CHL.

We strongly encourage the passage of SB 775 and extend our gratitude to the author for sponsoring this important measure.

In Freedom,

/s/
Philip Watson
Rights Advocate

Cc: Judiciary Committee, Senate Leadership