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Please accept my testimony in absolute rejection of LD2283, An Act to Enact the Crisis Intervention Order Act to Protect the Safety of the Public.

The name of the Act leaves many doors open for further stripping of an Individual's Constitutional Rights.

The Act would potentially deprive an individual of the right to self defense based on unsubstantiated accusation, while removing one's ability to protect him/herself against the accuser.

Firearms are kept for a reason by anyone who feels a need to own one: If an individual is reasonable the weapon is for hunting or skill sport, or for self and loved ones' protection. If unstable or irrational, the purpose of a firearm is for ill-intent. Training for self defense is gaining support and this is where individuals and Enforcement need to interact more effectively. Causes of and methods for detecting potential harm-doers needs to be addressed before perpetually returning to Legislature, in altered language, Bills that strip Individual Rights.

Consider how seriously and obviously these anti-gun laws are introduced and supported by people who are driven by fear and ignorance of firearms, rather than using logic and understanding, and doing the research that is required for judging such an important issue. Consider that knives, vehicles, toxins, hammers and saws are available, if Government were blind enough to eradicate protective arms.

Why not look at causes for abuse, correction for abuse, mental health examination for potential abuses of any and all kinds.

Thank you for this opportunity and I hope that your members will examine carefully the testimony of myself and the many logical and reasonable citizens who will submit.