

I want to just take a moment to put forth my testimony against the bill that is in the works that will cause Oregonians to have to pass a background check before public/private transfer of firearms from one person to another.

This bill has been proposed to remove freedom of law abiding citizens. This bill is unjust and will cause crimes to be committed by otherwise law abiding citizens. Imagine I take care of my elderly grandpa, who is a gun owner. We live together, but he has his possessions and I have mine. The moment that my grandpa dies, I would be in possession of his armaments, and illegally so. *I would be punished* for coincidental, non-criminal activity.

This bill had been created by the uneducated on firearms. Statics are in gun owner's favor -- the laws that Oregon has on firearms are really awesome as they are, and we have such low crime rates due to firearms.

I lived in Brazil for two years, where all weapons are illegal. The only firearms I saw there (other than police) were hidden, tucked into the pants of young criminals. The only people who had firearms were those that were more than irresponsible with them -- those who would unjustly take another's life. Whereas here, just in the office I work in, there are several successful, responsible men and women who actively and legally carry. These people, and gun owners all over Oregon would never abuse the powerful tools that they carry with them on a daily basis, much less transfer them into the hands of someone who would not use them responsibly.

It doesn't take a background check to stop criminals from acquiring arms. Background checks do, however, stop law abiding citizens from operating in a fluid, active way.

Stop this bill and guard the freedoms of Oregonians and Americans alike - the right to bear arms. FREELY.

This country is not so docile and ignorant that we're just gonna roll over and give up our individual powers so simply.

Also, don't kill the huge gun economy in Oregon! Because of the freedoms we enjoy here in Oregon, weaponry generates so much money and jobs every year.

This was long winded, but I hope that I got some of my important points across.

Thank you for listening to my petition as a responsible firearm-owning Oregonian.

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