

Hello Mr. Olson -

I wrote to you a few days ago expressing my concerns over the gun bill the Democrats are trying to slide through.

I see that there is a meeting in Salem tomorrow night and unfortunately, I won't be able to speak or attend but I was hoping there was a way to pass on my opinions to the House.

My concerns -

This is a Bloomberg, Anti-gun bill.

These Democrats who voted for this were coerced by money from Bloomberg.

This bill is not going to have any affect on crime rates in our state. A lot of people (even law abiders) will ignore it. Its too unenforceable, unless it was done as a sting operation and I like most, don't sell to people I don't know. In some cases, its just too far to go to a FF dealer. In order for this bill to work, you would have to know where all the guns are at the moment the law is put into practice in order to see the flow of guns. 99.9% of the time, these transactions would be from one legal person to another legal person.

If the law was approved, you will have citizens disregard the law because there really is nothing wrong with them selling a weapon to someone they know. I have never sold a weapon on line, to someone I didn't know or to a criminal, ever. Most of use are like that. We are responsible and not criminals although these dems seem to think we are for some reason.

Criminals will not use a back ground check system to obtain illegal or legal guns. They are just not that stupid. There are lots of guns available in the black market for these folks to use. They'll also get them from burglaries and have their cousins or clean buddies buy them when needed.

Crime is committed mostly by criminals and our state does little to stop the crime that these anti-gun folks acquire their data from to push there agenda. People get shot and killed in out metro areas but this back ground check is specifically aimed at rural people.

We need more programs to help minorities attain better lives. It seems right now there are so few options for blacks in Portland. Better education, better homes, stronger families, better jobs and then maybe there wouldn't be as many joining gangs of selling drugs for a living.

This brings on an additional cost for gun owners to utilize their 2nd amendment rights. Its more like a tax on law abiding gun owners and nothing more.

You know as well as I do, that the guns that criminals use In their crimes are not bought through any system that utilizes a back ground check. All there illegal transactions are covered currently under existing laws. We just need to use the laws when these guys/gals get caught.

This law seems like it is leading up to a mandatory nation wide, federal, registration of guns. As you also know, this means all legal guns and not criminal's guns. Criminals will still be out of the loop and just really don't care. The Federal Government has no right to know anything about my guns, just like the British had no right to limit powder shipments to the colonists. It seems like a law that is designed to stir up ill feelings.

If I was putting my money on something that would do some good, I would form a task force to work on the illegal gun markets; and not worry so much about Joe Smith in Lebanon and his Ruger 10/22. He's done nothing to deserve this extra burden this bill will add. I would also work on our metro area crime issues and figure out a way for these people to have better lives than what seems to be a never ending decline.

I know there are some that are those that are less responsible with their weapons and I am perfectly ok with putting these folks into jail if they break the law. I am fine with higher mandatory sentences for all gun crimes. If they use their gun improperly, they need to go to jail. Put them into prison with increased sentences; I am a big believer in punishment for crimes. I am against the use of any weapon in the commission of a crime, like the Dems should be. As you know, our Dem from Eugene has voted against increasing sentences for criminals using a gun in the commission of a crime. That seems so odd to me.

I wish you well and hope that it goes well for the citizen gun owners of this state.

Respectfully,

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