

This is another case of the wrong bill for the right reasons.

We all want to stop the “bad guys” from getting their hands on guns, the problem is that we are assuming with this bill, that they obtain their guns, the same way the rest of us do, which of course they don’t. Colorado has already now discovered that the gun show loophole was not where the criminals were getting guns, mostly they buy stolen guns from the black market, which of course this bill will not affect. This is what your sheriffs are telling you but many of you refuse to listen to facts, either because it is an emotional issue or because you feel the need to pay back campaign contribution and earn favors for the next election. You were elected to do the bidding of the voters; this bill is definitely not in the voter’s best interests. It puts an onerous burden on law abiding citizens, while not helping the gun violence issue at all.

It will encourage law abiding citizens to start working outside of legal channels and generate a **whole new business for organized crime to profit from.**

Currently our law enforcement lacks the resources to prosecute a felon who is trying to buy a gun from a dealer, the dealer may call it in and will simply be told not to sell him the gun, "there is no one available to respond"; we are not even enforcing the gun laws we have, yet some want even more restrictions on law abiding responsible citizens. This will further tax an overburdened law enforcement community as well as take up court time and jail space to imprison your uncle, your grandpa, your nephew, that loaned, gave or sold a gun to a trusted old friend.

Another example, I recently sold an old .22 rifle for \$40, if this bill were in play and I wanted to be a law abiding citizen, the price of the transaction would have made the price more than double, ergo I probably would not have complied with an unenforceable, unverifiable law and just sold the gun, I know, what a monster I must be. Unfortunately many people you know and respect will end up eventually being guilty of the same horrible crime, because it is a ridiculous, burdensome proposal. What if I let an old friend hold onto an extra dear rifle I don’t really use any more, are we criminals? Say a friend wanted to try a hand gun that I have, so I loan it to him for a while, we can’t prove that it was not sold, likewise, if it was sold, you can’t prove it wasn’t just on loan. It is a ridiculous unenforceable law, which your own sheriffs tell you, will not work, listen to them, listen to the citizens of Oregon, it is what you were elected to do.

If this bill is in fact a stepping stone to total gun registration, which some have suggested, then you are on the right track and **our founding fathers were on the wrong track.** I hope you are better people than that. Once you decide the constitution no longer has meaning, you are on a path to social revolution. I don't want that and I hope you don't either. Americans understand that freedom is never free, we died for it once and we will fight again for our children's sake.

Of the people, by the people and for the people. Every vote you cast needs to pass that test or you are the tyrants. Whether you personally agree or not, you were elected to vote for what "we the people" believe in. The people of Oregon clearly do not want this law, do the job you were elected to do, not the one the special interests pay you to do. We do not need more tyrants or their irrational laws and restrictions on our hard fought freedoms.

I Vote and I am watching.

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