

I am truly sympathetic with anyone who has suffered a loss at the hands of a criminal who chose to use firearms as an evil tool of destruction. I was a career firefighter who treated victims of many types of assaults. There is no end to the list of things that people use to assault other humans. I have treated victims with horrible wounds caused by hammers, knives, machete's and some of the most horrible motor vehicle accidents. Making it more difficult to acquire and possess these tools, that cause terrible wounds, would be laughed at. Firearms are tools that have no agenda, they have no intent, they are inanimate objects that are wielded by people. There are countless acts of violence committed by criminals who illegally possess firearms. What good will more restrictive laws do when the current laws are not followed. The times when SHTF and firearms are used in defense rarely makes the press and the discharge of those firearms is even more rare thus will not sell TV time or newspapers. The elitist Big money from back east is funding a lot of these anti-gun crusades. Michael Bloomberg, George Soros have more money than anyone needs and they are throwing their money behind disarming AMERICA, while being escorted by their very own armed security forces. The Shumer and Pelosi and Clinton camps want to disarm lawful AMERICANS while the criminal element preys on the weak disarmed civilians like wolves. They do not belong in our local politics. They do not live as we do. I do not impose my will on others and live expecting the same.

I am sorry for the loss of life at the ClackamasTowncenter, that was committed by a criminal, who stole the rifle and was stopped by a concealed handgun license holder. That fact escaped most of the sensational press reports. The sadness was compounded by the suicide of one of the victims family who could no longer cope with his loss. I have feelings of sympathy for the loss. I don't think the firearm was the cause only the means. The criminal or the inability to cope with such extreme loss drove the hand that caused the pain.

Sandyhook, an act of unspeakable evil committed by a person who was identified as having a psychological imbalance. Who was taught by his parent how to use firearms. That parent lost her life and let loose the monster she created because she didn't secure and keep the guns away from her son. Now who is supposed to be the responsible one? How many lives lost and all the blame on the son, she was entrusted to love and guide and protect. Sadly her failure to follow through ended up with what happened. Again she was dead and those facts barely made the news.

I believe that the enforcement of the current, endless volumes of gun laws is lacking. The only people that will be hurt are the innocent, law abiding, tax paying, responsible voters who want to exercise the right to armed defense. They are not the problem. The firearms are not the problem. The problem is people who exist defying laws as if there is no punishment. The people with identified mental disorders that access firearms and cause the destruction are to blame. The ones being punished by restrictive firearm regulations and laws will be tomorrow's headlines as victims of crime because they were unable to defend their lives or the lives of others. Ask the Arizona State Police officer, who was saved by a concealed handgun license holder, how he feels about disarming responsible AMERICANS.

There are more good people than bad. Mom always said that "good will prevail", but we have to have a chance. Being disarmed against the armed criminal element doesn't seem like much of a chance.

Please vote NO on SB 764, 797 and 868.

Thank You,
Sincerely,
Brian Classen