

Dear Representatives,

I would like to draw your attention to the following article:

[Murders in US very concentrated: 54% of US counties in 2014 had zero murders, 2% of counties have 51% of the murders](#)

In particular, look at Oregon in the graphic map representing numbers of murders by county. Notice that Oregon, with relatively less gun regulation in comparison to California, and Washington, has much less murders. Also notice that areas with the most restrictive gun laws have the highest murder rates.

Also in the article, I would especially like to draw your attention to the following quote I pulled:

"According to a 2013 PEW Research Center survey, the household gun ownership rate in rural areas was 2.11 times greater than in urban areas (["Why Own a Gun? Protection is Now Top Reason," PEW Research Center, March 12, 2013](#)). Suburban households are 28.6% more likely to own guns than urban households. Despite lower gun ownership, urban areas experience much higher murder rates

So I very sincerely ask you all:

- *Will steering Oregon legislation towards more restrictive gun laws have any positive effect on acts of violence?*
- *Will passing more draconian laws that are deeply dividing this state truly make us a stronger State and Nation?*
- *Is not the anti-gun agenda as biased and non-inclusive of ALL Oregonians as any issue that is bi-partisan and dividing our country, yet there is no evidence what-so-ever that these laws will positively effect violent behavior?*

It is apparent to many, many, people across this Nation, as reflected in the electing of President Trump, that these nonsensical, poorly worded, spuriously championed bills to control 'gun violence' aren't about control at all, but *people control*, and that is not what you are elected to do.

To summarize, this article demonstrates what many lawful and responsible gun owners across the country already know: guns don't kill people, people kill people, and limiting access to guns only makes us less safe while doing nothing to stop criminals who by definition disregard all ethics, morals, and laws.

I implore you to stop this Quixotic and endless charge against gun owners and gun ownership

and focus on the root causation of violence: poverty, education, economic opportunity, and helping those who need it.

Sincerely,

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