



From the Desk of
Senator Brian Boquist

SENATE FLOOR ALERT SB 719 – OPPOSE

April 27, 2017

RE: SB 719 A (Judiciary Committee) – Secret Gun Confiscation Hearings
POSITION: OPPOSE
LOCATION: Senate Floor

Senators: We at FPC ask that you reject the multi-million-dollar boondoggle that is SB 719 A (-7); a measure that was “gut-and-stuffed” after-hours to create a process for secretly obtaining “extreme risk protection orders” (ERPO). These orders will lead to the confiscation of firearms from unaware Oregonians who are not allowed to confront their accusers or avail themselves of due process.

- SB 719 offers no assessment, evaluation, counseling, follow-up, intervention, or treatment for the subject of an “ERPO”—implying the subject is not actually an “extreme risk.”
- SB 719 denies the subject of an order the right to confront their accuser, the right to counsel, or right to trial by jury, as these orders are issued in secret.
- SB 719 requires law enforcement to store entire gun collections, potentially indefinitely.
- SB 719 denies the subject any notification that a hearing is taking place.
- SB 719 allows for potential hearsay “evidence” to include most any transgression, going back years, and even decades, including a DUI.
- SB 719 claims “evidence” of risk to include the mere lawful purchase of a firearm.
- The Legislative Fiscal Office estimates that SB 719 will annually cost \$600,000 of general fund money as well unknown costs to local law enforcement to forcibly confiscate, store, and return firearms.
- ORS 426 and 166.255 respectively already deal with individuals deemed to be a risk to themselves or others.

Conclusion: SB 719 goes against our shared values as Americans and must be rejected. Please OPPOSE this unconstitutional infringement when it comes up for a vote!

Please feel free to contact us at (855) 372-7522 if you have any questions or concerns.

In Freedom,

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Thank you so much for reaching out to us. We always appreciate communicating those interested in the grassroots fight for our constitutional right to keep and bear arms.

The **Firearms Policy Coalition (FPC)** is the fastest growing, most aggressive grassroots Second Amendment, civil rights advocacy organization in the country. We are proud to fighting the constitutional rights in Oregon, Washington, Nevada and California. Our members and supporters represent a movement of the people – those who are tired of seeing their rights being infringed upon by government.

We at FPC take great pride in the fact that we do not let personal relationships, political party affiliation or any other unrelated information to shape our analysis of Firearms Policy. We judge elected officials by their positions on policy. And Mr. Boquist has chosen to side with Michael Bloomberg and Kate Brown when it comes to subverting the Second Amendment, due process and private property rights of Oregon gun owners with his measure SB 719.

And we are not the only ones who recognize this betrayal:

OREGON FIREARMS FEDERATION: Under this bill you can have your gun rights stolen and your property confiscated if you have purchased a firearm or ammunition in the last 180 days. That is not a misprint or a joke. A “household” member or police officer can request that your gun rights be eliminated and your guns confiscated by police...because you bought a gun. <https://www.oregonfirearms.org/one-bad-bill-dead-one-really-bad-bill-moving>

NRA-ILA OREGON: By allowing a law enforcement officer, family member, or household member to seek the ERPO, SB 719 with the -5 amendment would allow people who are not mental health professionals, who may be mistaken, and who may only have minimal contact with the respondent to file a petition with the court and testify on the respondent’s state of mind. This ex parte order, which strips the accused of their Second Amendment rights, would be issued by a judge based on the brief statement of the petitioner. The accused would not be afforded the chance to appear in court to defend themselves against the allegations when the ERPO is issued. These orders may be issued without any allegations of criminal behavior. <https://www.nra-ila.org/articles/20170419/oregon-anti-gun-bill-heads-to-senate-floor>

But even more important to understand is that SB 719 is a part of a larger effort by multi-billionaire Michael Bloomberg to undermine gun rights all across the country. These sorts of “Protective Orders” are the cornerstone of the anti-gun community’s attempt to build a West Coast Wall of Gun Control: Their fantasy is to bring California-style gun control to Washington and Oregon and to create so many rules and regulations that the Second Amendment is a hollow right.

Part 1 https://www.firearmspolicy.org/how_are_they_building_the_west_coast_wall

Part 2 https://www.firearmspolicy.org/what_is_the_west_coast_wall

As you read these links, **you will understand that SB 719 is part of a larger, regional plan** that has already taken root in California (AB 1014) in 2015 and Washington (Initiative 1491) in 2016. And if Nevada’s (SB 387) and Oregon’s (SB 719) become law, they will have successfully locked down the West Coast.

Sen. Boquist’s SB 719 will save Bloomberg millions by preventing the need for them to run an initiative in order to institute this anti-civil rights measure. This is tantamount to giving aid and comfort to the enemy and deserves as severe a response as we can muster.

We appreciate your loyalty to Mr. Boquist. Clearly, you have an image of him that is shaped by your personal relationship. It is unfortunate that his support of SB 719 is not consistent with that image (At least, not as you have communicated it to us.)

Here at FPC, we do not have the luxury of evaluating policy based on personal preferences or friendships. We analyze each bill based on it’s own merits. And an honest evaluation of SB 719 by anyone who truly claims to support the constitution, would deem it to be exceedingly deficient.

If Sen. Boquist is truly the Second Amendment advocate you claim him to be, we would encourage you to read the actual bill (<https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2017R1/Downloads/ProposedAmendment/10536>) and then speak with your good friend and encourage him to drop this measure.

Thank you again for reaching out. We hope you will join us in the fight for civil rights in the State Oregon.

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