

Dear Legislator...

Please read this in its entirety, because it all has relevance to my point below. It'll take about 5 minutes, but in order to understand my outrage, it's necessary to read this (highly condensed) preface.

22 years ago, a cult clique got their hooks into my then girlfriend. This caused constant tension in our relationship, and I amicably parted ways with her. Long story as short as possible, the "ringleader" of this clique saw me at Walmart where my former girlfriend worked part time. That night, I experienced a loud banging on my door. Upon answering, I was served with a restraining order, which absolutely shocked me to the core.

Barely able to get any sleep for a month, I attended the scheduled hearing with printed (and notarized) testimonials from 3 mutual friends of mine and my ex girlfriend's. One the owner of a local newspaper, one a County Commissioner, and the other, the Pastor of the church that we both attended. I chose them because they knew both of us very well, and were on good terms with both of us.

After listening to my former girlfriend's testimony, the judge clearly told her "I cannot continue this order because you have not provided ANY evidence, or even made any assertions that he has threatened or harmed you or anyone else." So then he tells her to go back to her seat out front. Then I am called to the stand, under the impression that it's a done deal.

He asks me a few ordinary questions, things are going well, and then he stuns me with this question: "So why do you own these firearms?" (mentioned in the order). I was flabbergasted, because he said it in such a way that I felt as if it was somehow a "crime", when I've never even had so much as a traffic ticket in my entire life, let alone a conviction of anything. So I said, "As far as I know, your Honor, I still have my 2nd amendment rights, don't I?"

I was only being honest and respectful, rather than being a smart ass and saying something like: "Because I can?" Fact is, I owned them because I have always enjoyed target and skeet shooting since I was a boy. And later, for self defense as well, having been a Radio Talk Show Host for many years. But the reason I answered him the way I did, is because I was shocked that he even asked me that, when no threats, or no illegal use of them was ever even in question.

Well this judge was obviously highly offended by someone daring to quote their 2nd amendment rights. He hammered the gavel on the desk, and told me to go sit back out front. I was never even allowed to present my testimonials. The judge said: "Well, she appears to be afraid, so I am going to continue this order." Bang goes the gavel. And she didn't even "look afraid"!

Although totally shocked by this insanity, I obeyed this order for the year it was in force, as I had no reason NOT to obey it. Afterward, I found out from my ex herself, that her cult leader friend had been the one who talked her into filing the order against me, and against my ex's actual wishes. I never threatened anyone or touched anyone, and actually agreed with our splitting up in the first place.

Her cult friends were very anti 2nd amendment. I knew this because of several discussions I had with them. So based solely on the fact that they knew that I owned a few firearms, they pressured my ex girlfriend to file an order against me, after this ringleader person merely saw me at Walmart, where my ex girlfriend worked as a cashier, and had always waved and smiled at me after our breakup. A place I have been shopping most of my entire life.

I later found out that this judge, too, is very anti 2nd amendment, and is locally known as "The Hanging Judge". Even though I have always resented being railroaded, I put all this behind me, and accepted it, as part of the 45+% of restraining orders unjustifiably served against other people in this country, with no legitimate basis.

I am 55 years old this year, and still have never had so much as a traffic ticket, let alone any kind of criminal conviction. And now I am facing losing my right to self defense? Based on something that should

never even have happened 22 years ago? This, while the very person who filed the order on me, has an actual gun charge on their record, back in Colorado!? And after the year long order expired, was again very friendly and even flirtatious with me, and got along with me fine, as friends?

So as I enter my elderly years, I will no longer be allowed to defend myself? I find this to be highly repugnant, unfair, and utterly ridiculous. I find the Oregon State Legislators to be far more Communist, than American. This is absolutely outrageous and something that the framers of this country would never have tolerated for even 1 minute. In fact, they didn't tolerate it. Coming for the shot, powder and arms, is what sparked the Revolutionary War. People would do well to remember history.

Non-criminals, who were never tried for a crime, let alone convicted of a crime, being disarmed by public "servants" who took an oath to the Constitution? That's about as un-American as it gets.

Personally, I feel that this Bill, if it becomes "law" (a totally unconstitutional law according to both the US Constitution and Oregon State Constitution), along with the previous outrage that was passed in the form of SB 719, is going to actually get people killed. As no real American would ever tolerate losing their God given right to self defense (the most basic natural right of all) having never even been charged with, let alone convicted, of a crime.

This state (including my county) have gone absolutely insane. Taxing us out of our socks, while simultaneously divesting us of our rights as "free" Americans. I can understand why you would want to disarm people whom you are tightening the thumbscrews on, and taxing into perdition. But this nation is reaching a boiling point. A point that I do not believe would serve ANYBODY'S best interests.

You are not our "masters". You work for US. We do not pay your salaries to continually violate and fleece us. Yet for some, bizarre and highly misguided reason, this is what you've become. You are causing good and decent people to leave the state, while appealing to and attracting pot smokers and baby killers. You seem to have chosen Kalifornia as your model. A state where thousands are fleeing every year, and infecting other states, everywhere they go. Including here.

In regards to HB 4145... Do the RIGHT thing. Do not sell your soul like the governor did. I honestly cannot imagine how people like that expect to escape hellfire, as traitors to their countrymen, and to God's natural laws of justice and self-defense.

Thank you for your consideration.

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