

Dear Legislators,

I would like to voice my opinion on the new proposed gun bills. I oppose SB275, SB501, SB87, HB2251, And HB2505. I agree with a few of the other proposed bills but still feel they are encouraging a slow death grip on our 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment rights. I think if some of these bills pass it could be possible to make felons out of ordinary citizens. Mostly for not knowing new laws are infect. I had no idea that this was going on till it was brought to my attention.

I am a LAW ABIDDING VOTING CITIZEN of the UNITED STATES, an OREGON RESIDENT and enjoy my freedoms of free speech, GUN OWERSHIP, and the right to worship in the faith I choose, which I am a Christian. I have several children and grandchildren that I would eventually like to pass on my firearms to in a way that won't make me or them felons. I think it is my right to travel to and from the field to hunt and practice my shooting skills in a safe manner as I always have and not be in fear of fines or jail time.

Imagine these laws go in effect and how many unknowingly citizens make a mistake, and become a felon, go to jail, pay fines, higher lawyers they can't afford and lose their jobs. All because some legislatures decided we need MORE laws. So if this scenario happens to a tax paying citizen they no longer pay taxes and then are a burden on the state. So come on this is going to hurt your bottom line. Yes payroll taxes and state taxes. When I vote for senators and representatives, I'm voting for someone to govern our state, Balance our budget, uphold our existing laws we have now. Not for the new fad (green Deal) someone that didn't even run on gun control and then pulled it out of their bag of tricks after being elected.

I do not want to put a lock on my handgun in my home!!! We live in a Sanctuary State where illegal's can be set free after a crime. I want to be able to defend myself and family without asking the perpetrator to stop until I unlock my gun. The State of Oregon can't promise to keep my family and myself safe, so with the right of the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment I have the ability to feel safe in my own home.

My dad needs to borrow a rifle this year if he gets an Elk Tag. I want to teach my son-in-law to hunt if he gets a deer tag. He will need to borrow a rifle also. When the time comes I want to teach my Grandson about shooting and gun safety like I did his mother. Will I need a lawyer at my hip for these simple transaction??? Don't keep taking our rights little by little because we all will lose. If some of our so called leaders had their way we would all lose our guns. If this happened we would go into a depression. Gun makers, ammo makers, hunting guides, scope manufacturers (leupold) sporting goods stores, all lose their jobs and the list goes on and on. I'm not just talking about losing jobs but the amount of state and federal taxes lost would be incredible. What are you guys thinking or are you.?? I don't feel there is a need for bump stocks. I would never own one, it is not a firearm but an accessory, and should be used responsible. But who is to say you don't have the right to own one. Or not to have something, such as Obama care. Yeah land of the free! I was penalized (fined) for not having insurance between jobs.

I am all for back ground checks to try to keep firearms from criminals and people with mental problems. Don't make us the criminal. I understand More murders are committed with knives than firearms, maybe we should have background checks when you buy a knife or have a safety lock on them and not let anyone under 21 buy a knife.!!

Please reconsider this proposals, don't penalize law abiding voting taxpaying gun owners. We didn't ask for more restrictions. Concentrate your efforts on cleaning up the homeless mess on our streets, Illegal aliens and support our law enforcement. Don't take a knee for Oregon.

Thank you for your time

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