

Dear Representatives of the people,

As a woman who has been a victim before, why are you making laws that won't allow me to protect myself?

As a member of the Oregon Legislature, you swore an oath to uphold the US and the State Constitution. In the State Constitution: **Article 1, Section 27 of the Oregon Constitution** states: "The people shall have the right to bear arms for the defense [sic] of themselves, and the State, but the Military shall be kept in strict subordination to the civil power[.]"

This isn't just the right to defend myself in my home. It is my right to defend myself in public as well. It is a human right, a God given right to be able to protect oneself and their family.

Anti-gun bills take away my rights and by doing so makes the jobs of criminals much easier.

The problem with guns is the people behind the trigger, not the gun. It is a moral problem, a heart problem, not a gun problem.

If someone steals a car and then gets in a wreck and hurts someone are you going to go after the owner of the car? Of course not. Don't make gun owners a victim twice.

The only way a woman can protect herself against a man is with a firearm. Please help me stay safe so I can take care of my family.

No more gun restrictions.

Respectfully,

Martha H.