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Most gun owners never have need to fire on another person.

Criminals commit crimes. Gun owners should not be treated like criminals without having committed a crime.

These bills are designed to infringe enough on our second amendment rights to prevent us or discourage us from gun ownership. They are advocated by Ceasefire Oregon, and that is what they are about wanting all guns to cease firing in Oregon. They are designed to treat gun owners as if they are criminals without having committed a crime.

These four bills don't improve public safety. Look at Chicago's gun free zone. Gun free zones make us like sheep to the slaughter. My daughter attends an urban university (even after dark) at a university known for sexual assaults on and near campus. Students do not have the option to concealed carry there for their own protection because they could be expelled by the University for carrying on campus. That would ruin their GPA. In my mama's heart, I worry for her every day there. It is unsafe to be in a gun free zone.

Last Saturday was the funeral for Salem School Teacher Emily Campbell (8 months pregnant with her first child) who died when her car was struck by a pickup that crossed the center line of the highway.

Last Saturday 17 year old Nicholas Portis died inside a Toyota 4Runner that crashed on a forest service road outside Estacada and 5 other teens hurt

Last night Toyota Prius swerved off the road onto a front lawn of a house and killed an 11year old child playing in her front yard at 160th and Farmington in Wash County.

And this is news from just the last week in the Portland Salem area. You don't have to remember back for months or nationwide for these tragedies.

No, tragedies like these with vehicles are altogether too common. *Where are the people saying we should all give up our cars because if we could save at least one child by giving up our cars it would be worth it*… or the people saying we should give up vehicles of certain sizes and shapes such as pickups and SUVs... or we each have to have a quarter million insurance policy… or no driving after dark… or no driving on weekends… . *because if it could save one life it would be worth it.*

You won't find that because most people like the convenience of cars.

It is the people who don't value firearms who want to take the weaponry away from those that do value it. These bills aren't designed to inhibit criminals. Criminals selling weapons to other criminals won't get background checks, won't register their weapons, won't get concealed carry permits, won't allow storage inspections, won't buy insurance and won't care which property they bring them to. This is Ceasefire Oregon efforts to cease all weapons from the good people of Oregon to treat them all like criminals.

My dad was a lifelong democrat, a blue collar worker, a construction union member, a patient of Dr Kitzhaber's, served in World War II in an advanced landing team in the Pacific and taught us we had a civic duty to own a gun. My son would ask him to tell war stories. Dad would tell different war stories but they always ended the same way. He would explain he fought to protect our freedom and our liberty. He would caution us not to let our liberty be stolen from the inside.

Today, you are on the inside. Do not delude yourself with a slippery slope. This is a precipice. You are being asked to infringe on the second amendment rights of Oregonians**. Don't be the one my dad warned us about: the one willing to steal our liberties from the inside.** Don't be that guy.

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