

OREGON GUN CONTROL BILL'S APRIL 5th 2013

TO: THE OREGON JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

MY NAME IS JAMES P. WEIGEL I BROUGHT MY SON-IN-LAW JOE AERNI WITH ME TODAY TO VOICE MY OPINION "OPPOSING ALL 4 MEASURES AS WRITTEN"

WE SIGNED UP TO SPEEK BUT TIME RAN, OUT SO I WROTE TO YOU.

THE MAIN REASON I TOOK THE DAY OFF TO SPEND IT AT THE HEARING IS I HAVE A CONCEAL HANDGUN LICENSE, AND THESE BILL'S SEEMED TO SUGGEST THAT I'M A CRIMINAL FOR HAVING IT.

I WANTED YOU TO KNOW I HAVE THE RIGHT TO OPEN CARRY AND THE REASON I TOOK THE TIME AND MONEY TO GET A CARRY LICENSE WAS OUT OF RESPECT OF OTHERS WHEN I WANT TO CARRY A GUN.

THE ONE THING I FOUND FROM SETTING THRU THIS HEARING FROM BOTH SIDES IS WE HAVE A GUN SAFETY ISSUE IN THE U.S. AND OREGON. NOT ONE OF THESE BILL'S PUT INTO LAW WILL MAKE GUN'S SAFER OR STOP MASS SHOOTINGS,

THE PEOPLE'S TESTIMONY FOR THESE BILL'S SEEMED TO THINK TAKING RIGHTS AWAY FROM LAWFULL CITIZENS IN PUBLIC SPACES WOULD STOP GUN VIOLENCE. NOT ONE OF THESE 4 BILL'S WILL STOP THIS, ONLY THE THOUGHT OF COMMON LAWFULL PEOPLE THAT COULD BE CARRING A GUN WILL STOP GUN VIOLENCE. WHEN WE MAKE A "GUN FREE ZONE" WE WILL ALWAYS HAVE THE THREAT OF SOMEONE MAKING A NAME AS "THE MASS KILLER AT...." THIS IS SAD BUT REALITY -

WE NEED TO GET BACK TO RAISING OUR YOUNG TO HANDLE GUN'S SAFELY NOT HIDING THEM FROM WHAT THEY ARE AND WHAT MAKES THEM WORK - AND WHAT THEY CAN DO.

I'M A PROUD OREGONIAN BORN HERE IN 1959 WAS RAISED AROUND GUN'S. I RAISED MY KID'S AROUND GUNS, THEY HAVE RESPECT FOR THEM AND KNOW HOW TO SAFELY USE THEM. I'M NOW TEACHING MY GRAND KID'S AS THEY GROW UP ABOUT GUN'S AND THE IMPORTANCE OF SAFETY! I'M ALSO TEACHING SON IN LAW JOE WHAT HE DIDN'T LEARN ABOUT GUN'S GROWING UP "PARENTING NEVER STOPS"

I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE TESTIMONY OF THE "NRA"
"THE TEACHERS UNION" AND PEOPLE EMPLOYED BY THE STATE
OF OREGON. ALL SHOULD BE OVER LOOKED... I FEEL
THEY WERE AS POLITICAL AS THESE 4 BILL'S BEFORE
YOU. IT WOULD NOT BE RIGHT TO APPEASE THEM.

IN CLOSING I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND THE COMMITTEE:

- 1) WE HAVE GUN RESTRICTIONS & LAWS TO KEEP THEM OUT OF
CRIMINAL'S HANDS - WE JUST NEED TO ENFORCE THEM,
- 2) WE HAVE GUN RESTRICTIONS IN OUR SCHOOLS - THEY DON'T WORK
PASSING LAW'S TO GIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S THE ONLY POWER TO
SAY YES OR NO WOULD TAKE THE POWER FROM LAW MAKERS AND
THE PEOPLE OF OREGON.
- 3) "PUBLIC BUILDINGS" ARE JUST THAT PUBLIC BUILDINGS
AND THEY SHOULDN'T BE RESTRICTED OF USE BY LAW BINDING
CITIZENS,
- 4) MOST LAWFULL GUN OWNERS RESPECT THE RIGHTS AND
RESPONSIBILITY'S THAT COMES WITH OWNERSHIP,
- 5) I'M GOING TO SAY IT "THE SECOND AMENDMENT"
THE FOUNDERS COULD HAVE MADE THE 2ND AMENDMENT
THE 18TH OR 20TH.... THEY MADE IT THE 2ND BECAUSE
IT WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT NEXT TO THE 1ST AMENDMENT.
WITH OUT THE SECOND AMENDMENT NONE OF OUR RIGHTS
WOULD HAVE LASTED 200+ YEARS,

I JUST THINK WE NEED TO LOOK LONG AND HARD BEFORE AMENDING
OREGON'S LAW'S AND SEE IF THESE BILL'S WILL DO WHAT THEY WERE
WRITTEN TO DO.... STOP GUN VIOLENCE!

5 HRS OF TESTAMONEY AND I STILL DON'T THINK THEY WILL DO ANY THING
TO KEEP GUN'S OUT THE HANDS OF LAW BREAKER'S! ONLY RESTRICT LAWFULL
~~CITIZENS~~ CITIZENS FROM HAVING THE CHOICE OF PROTECTION THEY
MIGHT WANT OR NEED. THANK YOU, RESPECTABLY;
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