## The Fundamental Right To Life and the Total Fallacy of Gun Control

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To All Oregon State Representatives and Senators,

## VOTE NO ON SB 941 and SB 525

Currently, the Oregon Legislature is rolling out SB 941, professed by it's out-of-state backers and financiers, to be necessary for public safety. The reality is that they have virtually No realistic arguments based on facts but, only a "feeling" that by passing restrictive firearms and accessory laws they are magically making society safer.

The facts tell the opposite story. As discovered by then, anti-firearm professor, John Lott several years ago during his research, wherever firearms are more prevalent in the hands of responsible firearms owners, there is less crime, and thus, he named his book "More Guns, Less Crime".

Let us be clear, a legislature can never legislate Sanity and any attempt at such is the "Fallacy of Gun Control" !!!

However, undaunted by facts, the Oregon Legislature wants tighter restrictions on Firearms and now seeks to expand their failed system of background checks and registration. Once again, the facts tell us that criminals don't obey anti-firearms laws. They don't seek firearms through the background check system, they simply steal them.

Proponents of gun control laws employ the Irrational use of Facts, Irrational Fears, and Irrational Expectations that Aberrant Behaviors can be eliminated by passing laws against the inanimate means of self-defense: firearms.

Typically, most of those who are against firearms have little firsthand knowledge, training, or experience with firearms, which leads them to possess an Irrational Fear of Firearms. Now that would be OK if they just chose, for themselves, not to overcome that fear by becoming knowledgeable and proficient with firearms, but that is typically not what they do with their fear.

Their first reaction is to think that their fear would go away and the world would be a safer place if firearms didn't exist. Instead of overcoming their fear, they put their energy into trying to make firearms unavailable to "bad people" while refusing to recognize the overwhelming harm that will be done to the individual and to society by infringing upon the unalienable right to life of the self-responsible users of firearms.

They then proceed to rationalize or flat-out ignore the fact that their flawed reasoning is directly attacking the unalienable liberties of the responsible citizenry. In their minds the mere desire that their legislation may do good for a few citizens is enough to totally ignore the fact that their legislation will not only fail to achieve it's goal, but will also "infringe" upon the

unalienable rights of the self-responsible citizenry. They use warm fuzzy intentions, with no basis in facts or reality !!!

Firearms are inanimate tools whose purpose in the hands of self-responsible owners are ultimately essential to the freedom of the individual and of the nation. The fact that aberrant criminal or mental illness behaviors occur using firearms is tragic, but far less tragic than the massive damage to America that will be cause by restrictions and bans on the tools of freedom used by responsibly armed citizens.

So, the reality is that we do not have a Firearms problem, we have a Bad People problem. No amount of legislation will keep firearms out of the hands of Bad People. They will always find a way to do bad things, even if with weapons other than firearms.

Another reality is that firearms are used 4 times as often in self-defense as they are in crime, and most of the time simply brandishing the firearms, abruptly ends the conflict.

Here in America, we are endowed with the Right-To-Life. The Founders of America, understood this Right-to-Life to be "Unalienable" or unassailable as a gift from GOD and not "granted" by any mere individual, group, or government. However, we must recognize that there exists Evil in the hearts and minds of a small minority of citizens. We must also recognize that a legislature can never Legislate Goodness or Sanity and any attempt to do so IS the Fallacy of Gun Control !!!

Because of Evil, Man's Right to Life is inextricably tied to its corollary Right of Self-Defense. In turn, the Right of Self-Defense is meaningless without the corollary Right to a "Means" of Self-Defense.

To their credit, the Founders recognized firearms as a most important means of self-defense. Not simply as protection from predatory animals or two-legged predatory animals, but as protection from "packs" of two legged predatory animals better known as governments. In fact, their understanding of basic rights was so ingrained in their psyches, that they didn't even bother to list them in the original Constitution. It was not until much later after the adoption of the Constitution, that they realized it might be prudent to list some of man's specific Unalienable Rights in the Bill of Rights and thus, we have the first 10 Amendments to the Constitution.

Experience and the Facts lead us to the obvious..... that the safest individuals, societies, and nations are those with a responsibly armed citizenry.

Clearly, there are individuals, organizations, and governments whose intention is to completely disarm the public using aberrant behavior as their excuse, but there is only one reason to infringe upon the responsibly armed public's right to a means of self-defense and that is in order to subjugate the citizenry. Indeed, in this century alone, over 200 million people have been killed by their governments, but only after their firearms had first been registered (for the peoples' safety), then confiscated (for the peoples' safety), leaving no effective "Means" of self-defense with which the citizenry might resist subjugation or extermination.

Frankly, many consciously aware citizens in America have seen the extensive "handwriting on the walls" which, for years now, has included legislation that has no honest purpose other than to set the stage for the final subjugation of the American people, as unthinkable as that may be, to many Americans.

With that, I ask that all Oregon Legislators fulfill their Oaths of Office to support and defend the Constitutions of Oregon and the United States of America by taking a stand against the abuse of individual liberties by the State of Oregon, and Vote NO on SB 941 and SB 525

Please protect Oregonians' Right To Life by rejecting any attempts to limit our free access to a "Means of Self-Defense".

## **VOTE NO on SB 941 and SB 525 !!!!**

Respectfully,

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