



County Court of Grant County  
Judge Scott W. Myers  
Commissioner Chris B. Labhart  
Commissioner Boyd Britton

February 25, 2015

TO: All Oregon State Representatives and Senators

RE: Citizens' Second Amendment Rights

Grant County offers this letter that addresses Oregon citizens' rights and the responsibility of our elected state representatives and senators.

The 2015 Oregon Legislature has been moving down a path that will restrict the Second Amendment Rights of responsible, law-abiding Oregonians. The right to bear arms is an essential aspect of American liberty. When exercised in accordance with the laws already in place, it makes our families and properties safer. Guns cannot be legislated out of the hands of criminals, and when guns are only in the possession of criminals and the government the freedom of law-abiding citizens is at risk. Grant County has a rich history of customs and culture that is part of our frontier heritage. George Mason, co-author of the Second Amendment stated, "To disarm the people is the best and most effective way to enslave them."

As a representative of the citizens of Oregon, please do not confuse your desire to "protect" with your responsibility to defend the rights of those whom you represent. We encourage you to oppose any additional restrictive law that encroaches on a fundamental constitutional right.

Sincerely,

Scott W. Myers  
County Judge

Chris B. Labhart  
Commissioner

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