

The bill purports to be about giving Oregonians more safety regarding firearms. To me it is exercise in feel good legislation. It will only create an ineffective and unenforceable system which adversely impacts law abiding gun owners.

I spent 20 years as a Parole and Probation Officer in Portland supervising convicted criminal offenders. Some of the population we dealt with were career criminals. Part of our job was to ride herd on those offenders to stop them when they started again in their criminal exploits. We were constantly looking for firearms illegally possessed by these people.

Periodically, we would find a criminal with one, two or maybe even a dozen firearms. These firearms were not purchased by them by answering an ad placed in the Nickel Ads or on the Internet. They were acquiring the firearms by stealing them from law abiding citizens or by purchasing them from people who trafficked in the illegal sales of firearms. Creating a new law and system will do nothing to stop the criminal.

Sincerely,
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