

Hello,

As a law-abiding Oregonian who is passionate about our Second Amendment rights, I am appalled by the introduction of this bill.

This bill will do nothing to curb illegal gun activity, violence or crime. It will only seek to harass and document law-abiding gun owners in Oregon and seek to make otherwise law-abiding citizens into law breakers or worse. It is a bad solution to a problem that doesn't exist in order to "appear" like legislators are doing something about crime and violence.

Criminals and those who seek to commit crime or violence are not dissuaded by laws (this should be obvious). The only people affected by these bad ideas, if they become law, are the good citizens whose rights should not be infringed upon. The current background check system has been shown to be ineffective at reducing crime and a huge waste of law enforcement time and resources. State Sheriff's Association representatives have echoed this assertion. If someone knows they are not eligible to buy a gun, they are not going to subject themselves to a background check through a dealer even if they are getting the gun from a family member. They will still get it through a black market, some other undocumented trade or purchase or by stealing it from a law-abiding citizen (the same way they get them now).

I urge you and your colleagues to oppose and defeat this distasteful bill against lawful Oregonians. Attacking our Second Amendment rights or restricting/intimidating those rights of transfer is unacceptable and ineffective, especially if the goal is to actually address a problem of violence. Focus instead on approaching the problem of violence through a more productive method (or frankly, one that has any potential productive outcome...unlike SB 941 and the like) by addressing mental health and gang violence.

Sincerely,

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