

To Those who wish to infringe upon my second amendment rights:

**SB 525** would prohibit someone who has a restraining order (regardless of guilt or innocence) from purchasing or owning a firearm.

- **INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY .**
- To condemn someone who has not been convicted, to essentially make them a criminal should they own a gun prior to any restraining order is criminal on YOUR part.
- Fact is, law or not, restraining order or not, if someone is intent on harm THIS LAW WILL NOT STOP THEM.

**SB 945** would make it a crime to have an unlocked gun in your home anytime a “minor” is present.

- YOU NEED TO SPEND TIME AND MONEY PROMOTING GUN SAFETY AND GUN EDUCATION.
- A self-defense weapon is pretty much useless in a gun safe when it's needed.
- Use common sense, this bill will only serve to attempt to punish LAW ABIDING CITEZENS WHO HAVE A GOD GIVEN, CONSTIUTIONALLY GUARANTEED RIGHT TO THE ABILITY TO DEFEND THEMSELVES.

I'm sure you all feel that it's your right to be protected from danger, why do you think it's OK to deny Oregon citizens – THOSE YOU HAVE SWORN TO REPRESENT – the right to protect themselves, their family and property? Very hypocritical unless you never have anyone around you who is armed for your defense. Simply because you are an elected official DOES NOT make your safety more important than anyone else.

**I continue to oppose gun control legislation for the following reasons:**

- Violates both MY Oregon and Federal Constitutional rights.
- Does not guarantee any reduction of violent gun related crimes.
- Does not guarantee any reduction of gun related accidents.
- Is only being put into place to continue erosion of Second Amendment rights.
- Diminishes a person's ability to protect themselves and their families.
- Invades my privacy and freedom.
- It is poised to punish law abiding gun owners with onerous and overly broad restrictions.

As an Oregonian I would like to remind you ONCE AGAIN that YOU took an oath of office to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States and that attempts to undermine the Second Amendment rights of US citizens - of which Oregonians happen to be - is a VIOLATION OF THAT OATH OF OFFICE.

I would encourage you to actually research, read and grasp the facts that gun control that DOES NOT WORK. Criminals do not obey the law, do you really not understand that? The most dangerous place to be is where the criminal KNOWS there will be no resistance.

When Senator Kim Thatcher proposed an alternative that would actually help keep guns out of the hands of criminals, without invading the privacy of legitimate gun owners, it was dismissed with no discussion. So much for "reasonable."

As I understand, Representative Bill Post has also proposed an alternative that would protect law abiding gun owners. His bill, [HB 3528](#) protects the privacy of the law abiding and even requires immediate records destruction after a transfer is approved, if a person conducts a *voluntary* background check. If House Democrats who are looking for "reasonable" measures then this bill should be given serious discussion.

House Democrat Leader [Val Hoyle](#): If you do not insist that Post's bill be heard and passed you will show just how hypocritical you are in being "reasonable" and working FOR THE PEOPLE, that your true agenda is to CONTROL the people, not REPRESENT the people. That your wish is to disarm the populace and that your first step is to obtain gun registration. This is not acceptable.

SB 941 creates a registry, which is forbidden by Federal law.

- When a background check is run via the FBI's NICS, the records of allowed sales are to be destroyed prior to the next business day.
- Oregon, background checks are run by Oregon State Police who are allowed to keep the sales records for 'up to five years,' but there has been no confirmation that the records are ever permanently deleted.
- The state government will have the information to amass a listing of all firearms held by all citizens in Oregon.
- This is forbidden in Federal law because experience has shown that any government that amasses such a list always uses it later to facilitate firearms confiscation.

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