

To Legislators willing to vote for HB 4147, who considered SB 1551, and did vote on SB 941:

My testimony encompasses your past and present attempts to weaken the 2nd Amendment, ignore the Constitution, and your seeming to have forgotten your oath of office.

I am sure many will wax more elegant, and illustrate my fellow gun owning Patriots frustrations better than I. Allow me to just tell you what I feel about what you are doing from one or two of my own direct experiences.

As a woman, subject to Salem's present majority's desire to limit my firearm rights, I do not understand why you have consistently dismissed the idea that you are harming women with proposals like HB 4147. I certainly saw that disconnect during the 941 hearings after you heard both the overwhelming public testimony against it, and anecdotes from your own colleagues sitting right beside you. You voted for 941 anyway, despite your considerable options.

You have already jeopardized my safety by restricting my ability to make choices in exploring certain firearms as a means of protection.

SB 941 limits my right from testing various hand guns freely. I can not legally borrow one for a period that I would like to, without going through your meaningless and time consuming hoops.

I could drive some hours away from my home to a gun shop to rent those guns that I want to work with, deal with the shortened time span I would have to handle them, and of course pay for that time and expense.

Your voting against my Constitutional rights illustrates to me that you could care less about how my desire to better train myself is now encumbered.

This impediment is there. Despite my being background checked by the government at least 5 times already in the last few years as an employee, a community volunteer, and more, and you still demand my having to repeat the checks, and pay for it to boot.

After all that scrutiny, My Constitutional freedoms continue to be infringed by you.

Your imposed restrictions in fact can't even be monitored, which I could take under consideration as most criminals surely do, but you choose to make me, a law abiding citizen, the criminal for such a thought if I acted on it.

Now you want to add even more infringement on my rights in the name of stopping those criminals who may or may not even use the methods you address.

And in addition:

"There was also a general agreement that no big issues would be dealt with in such a short time frame. That is actually how it worked two years ago.

Senator Kruse"

And you want to describe an attempt to remind you of that original true impetus of the short session, which is what the voters thought they were agreeing to..... as a "tactic"....

"The people in my district are scared to death," said Rep. Cliff Bentz, R-Ontario. "You'll be hearing more and more on this from me."

The Republicans' push to require long bill readings left Democrats stunned. The Senate delayed a vote on its rules. But the effort prevailed in the House. Speaker Tina Kotek, D-Portland, sent out a message telling lawmakers to prepare for night and weekend sessions starting Wednesday.

"We've been elected by our constituents to come here," said Rep. Dan Rayfield, D-Corvallis. "We shouldn't have tactical maneuvers that tie our hands down."

"OregonLive"

I'm sorry, but this quote is so disingenuous to me from Rep. Rayfield.

The Democrats use of the Emergency Bill, a true tactic, to pass SB 941 is proof, and it's use in over 1300 actions in 2015 should have perhaps caught Rep Rayfield's attention and his ire long ago, except that it was useful to he and his colleagues agenda.

And of course the Emergency Bill is attached to HB 4147 as it was also attached to the semi-retired SB 1551. So....really? Indignation from my Corvallis representative over tactical maneuvers ?

I beg to differ. I think his and your voting yes on SB 941 and possibly 4147 is the real emergency.

This attack on the 2nd Amendment again, is adding more burden to a system that has shown itself many many times to delay law abiders. Even ones who have already been background checked in more depth than myself. And who knows how long that delay and infringement can go on.

Apparently 3 days isn't good enough for Rep Williamson and her circle.

All of this is viewed by me as basic political talking points, and an agenda, because you surely must know you are not really stopping a criminal, and certainly not a person intent on self harm.

What's next, background checks and delays for scarves? Because *that*, is what a family member of mine used to end her life, despite considerable access to firearms. You will not stop one truly determined in suicide by taking 2nd Amendment rights away from other Oregonians. Just as you won't stop a criminal intent on his crime, at least not with 4147.

I saw a portion of Rep Williamson's recent town hall. I heard the applause from her useful constituents. I heard her less than factual, and simplified reasoning for further infringement on our rights, and I saw loud and clear, her lack of empathy for gun owners with her talking points:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ncTCb5YPLn8>.

I contend that you won't accomplish anything with HB 4147, other than harming people who are upstanding citizens. Citizens who's time honored traditions you have proven your willingness to upend with 941.

If anything, you should address the existing inadequacies of the BG system that allows those few who may slip through the cracks, without further encumbering good citizens.

You are not going to address it with this Bill. Instead, you are running over Oregonians you care nothing about, and for what?...a mental count of future votes at your next Town Hall when you gloat? As with 941, you will not be presenting a list of accomplishments from the Bill's passage at that meet up.

Back up and get the horse in front of the cart. Many qualified people have pointed out how the background check system is seriously flawed.

Adding another flaw is not the solution.

So in watching politicians in a position of power such as yourselves, how do you expect me to believe you have my interests at heart here?

Surely not via the disgraceful face contortion "show" of smirks and smug smiles at a public presser recently demonstrated by the Majority House Speaker.

How offensive it was to watch that performance which you can see in the below link vs the cogent, heartfelt points being made by Rep. McLane about his constituents, a true gentleman,; Different subject, but illustrates no attempt by Speaker Kotek to hide her euphoria of being drunk with power.

<http://katu.com/news/politics/kotek-vs-mclane-video-worth-watching-before-legislative-session>

Stop this vendetta and get to work with your colleagues on real solutions.

Try bi partisan discussion.

With the discourse you have created, coming away with any kind of solution for the greater good with 4147 is an illusion. You have much more work to do if that is truly your goal.

That's my request as a tax paying citizen of Oregon.

Stop banking on simplifications of this complicated subject for ill gotten support.

SB 1551 was an even greater example of your oversimplification.

You are only growing the divisiveness in our State, and I don't want to believe that you have that much vindictiveness in your hearts.

Somewhere in there is a voice telling you this is wrong. You just need to hear it.

Sincerely,

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support Oregon troops..send packages from home
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uoABty_zE00
<https://www.billwhittle.com/firewall/your-second-amendment>
Madison Rising: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c8C7i9kdEf8>

I would rather be exposed to the inconveniences attending too much liberty than those attending too small a degree of it.

Thomas Jefferson, letter to Archibald Stewart, Dec 23, 1791

