

February 9th, 2016

RE: HB 4147

Dear Members of the House Judiciary Committee, and Honored members of the Oregon House of Representatives,

My name is Craig McDermott, I'm an NRA member, an OFF member, a GOA member, I'm a husband, a son, the dad of several school aged children, the bread winner for my family and am charged with their education, protection, safety and well being. As such, my testimony is in opposition to HB 4147, which does nothing more than provide an avenue whereby an end run around the United States Constitution and the Oregon Constitution is permissible. We ought not to infringe on the Civil Rights of law abiding citizens.

Last year's legislative session brought us SB 941, which we were told would prevent gun violence by keeping guns out of the hands of those who should not be in possessions of them, this bill was passed under the false pretenses of an "Emergency" and now requires person to person sales to have a mandatory background check. A forced check through a faulty background checks system here in Oregon.

Now the 2016 legislative session brings us HB 4147, which will permit the OSP to put delays in place simply by not being able to complete the required background check in 3 days. The 3 day background check limit brought to us by the Brady Bill... Just a further infringement of our Second Amendment Rights...

You know, nothing sickened me more than the needless killing of the children at Sandy Hook Elementary school, perpetrated by someone who was known to be mentally ill and stopped taking his medication. He did use legally obtained firearms to carry out his evil deed... But it sickens even me more to see Mom's Demand Action and other Michael Bloomberg funded organizations continuously standing on the blood of those innocent children, as they try to chip away at MY Civil Rights....

We need to ensure that mental health is a high priority for our state and our nation. Perhaps if we stopped pumping those with mental health issues full of pharmaceuticals and actively worked at getting them life changing help, we'd be doing more for the betterment of our society than taking away the Civil Rights of the law abiding.

It sickens me to hear the statistics spouted of the epidemic of deaths by gun... When according to the FBI it equates to .0005% of our population that is killed by firearms each year. The same FBI that says crime is at a 45 year low and gun ownership has doubled in the last 20 years.

Do you want to stop that unnecessary killing from happening? I know I do... Perhaps, cracking down on the gang shootings that occur in Portland, might be a good start...

I cannot urge you strongly enough, to stand by the Oath that you have personally sworn to uphold the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the Great State of Oregon.

I implore you to protect My Civil Rights! That's your sworn oath to do, to protect My Civil Rights and My Second Amendment Rights are part of them.

Like many other Oregonians, I'm watching and keeping track, those who vote against Our Constitutions will be voted against when it comes Election Day 2016.

Vote No on HB 4147

Respectfully,

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