

Hello,

I am writing you today to give my input on the following gun bills.

### **SB 897**

The term "militia" has been demonized by media and representatives in our State and Federal Government. Militia, as defined by <http://www.dictionary.com/browse/militia?s=t>, has the following definitions: 1. a body of citizens enrolled for military service, and called out periodically for drill, but serving full time only in emergencies. (This is the National Guard); 2. a body of citizen soldiers as distinguished from professional soldiers. (This is the rest of the nation); 3. all able bodied males considered by law eligible for military service (this is all males 18-35); a body of citizens organized in a paramilitary group and typically regarding themselves as defenders of individual rights against the presumed interference of the federal government (this is a small percentage of people). The way the media defines militia, is the fourth definition given, which is a very small percentage of the population in America. As the bill is written, a group of hunters can be charged with "militia terrorism" just by being on property armed if they are asked to leave. Let's say a family is camping on public lands and the parents are armed to protect their family from wild animals. If somebody sees that they are armed and reports it to "the authorities", who ask the family to leave, can they be charged as this bill is written? In my opinion, yes, they could. The only thing this bill does is strip rights away from law abiding individuals. Will YOU be charged if you are caught in a circumstance like the camping issue I mentioned? Probably not. Since you wrote the law, you probably have no intention of following it yourselves. You would use your name and influence to not be charged. How about you just let us live our lives and quit interfering, thinking you know what is best for me and my family. I strongly recommend that you oppose this bill.

### **SB 797**

This bill is just poorly thought up and written. Oregon State Police being allowed to indefinitely deny a firearm purchase for no reason? That is beyond crazy, since most denials are the result of errors. Once again, our elected officials thinking they know what is best for us. I thought we were a representative republic, not peasants to be ruled over. This bill is dangerous and may prevent people from defending their families. I know some people will just say "well call the police". Well, when the police are minutes away, my life and the life of my family could be in eminent danger. Minutes matter and I am my families protector when the police are "minutes away". I strongly suggest you oppose this bill.

### **SB 868**

This is probably the worst of the bills I have come across. To think that somebody that doesn't even know me or my family could have my property taken away with no reason, or criminal charge is undeniably insane. This is like someone thinking you are a bad driver, so they call the police and have your license taken away. I cannot believe this is even being considered. All this bill is going to do is make people who do own firearms weary of telling their neighbors or friends they have them. This will also make firearm owners weary of using their property to

defend the lives of others for fear they will be demonized and eventually have their property taken away. Once again, I strongly suggest you oppose this absurdly written bill.

Thank You,

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