

Good morning Senators,

I am writing you today to discuss my stance on Senate Bills 897, 797, and 868.

SB 897 was created from emotional response when Democrats feared getting their gravy train derailed by the populace standing up and saying No More to their greed at claiming ownership of public lands. They were angered that those in the Malheur refuge occupation - yes, they were there a number of days, and yes, they were armed - I refuse to call it a stand off because no shots were fired from the patriots toward those on the outside - such as Ammon and Ryan Bundy, Shawna Cox, Neil Wampler, Ken Medenbach, Jeff Banta and David Fry were found not guilty, and charges against Pete Santili were dropped. Now, Democrats want to make it so that peacefully gathered people, such as those gathered to hunt, or camp or for a meet and greet picnic, who are exercising their 2nd Amendment right to be armed, are now breaking the law. According to the definition of militia, on Dictionary.com, it is 1. a body of citizens enrolled for military service, and called out periodically for drill but serving full time only in emergencies. (this is are reserves and national guard members) 2. a body of citizen soldiers as distinguished from professional soldiers. (these are the people that this bill targets, the patriot groups) 3. all able-bodied males considered by law eligible for military service. (These are people in my age range) and 4. 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. (Patriot groups that you are targeting with this bill). It is the Democrats and the media who have demonized the militia groups. This is unconstitutional and should be sent to the garbage can where it deserves to be. I don't care *who* brought it to the table, my rights under the Constitution do not end where your fears and feelings begin. I urge you to vote against this bill as our nation was *founded* on the back of the militia, the people *were* the militia, they were the army.

SB 797 is a bill that is dangerous because Oregon State Police are allowed to deny a the purchase of a fire arm to anyone who is flagged as being unable to own a gun, even if that flag was an error. The person needing to purchase the gun could want it for personal safety reasons, yet their identity could have been stolen. There are no safeguards in place for citizens who are delayed purchasing due to an error, This makes this proposed bill unconstitutional.

SB 868 is unconstitutional because it gives power to a family member or police to remove your property without there being an arrest, conviction or crime. Once again, my rights don't end where your fears begin. I urge you all to vote against these bills that go against the US Constitution and the rights granted to the People there in. Many of you need to be reminded that you are servants of the People, and not royalty who can impede on our lives with your every whim. This nation was created for the People and BY the People. Not for the rich, by the rich.

Sincerely,

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