

Members of the Oregon State Senate Judiciary Committee:

I came to Oregon in 1962 when I was 15 years old. Now, at age 70, I can tell you that I have vivid memories of a free state when one did not have to fear what the government was going to do to you next. That Bloomberg the gun banner could buy our officials, including this governor, and that we carry on as if nothing had happened, is surreal to me. Wayne Morse must be spinning in his grave.

That you, our representatives in Salem, abuse the public trust and cynically advance this totalitarian concept of disarming the public step by step without any factual basis for it is appalling and frightening.

Without principle, honor, or conscience, people can apparently justify anything. But when those who serve by leading act that way, we are in very deep trouble. You annually spend all of this effort on incrementally disarming the public when our state is in deep financial trouble and when most of the counties in Oregon have been excluded from the political process. I have never been in a position of power but it must be a very intoxicating thing.

Mike Heath