

To the Senate Judiciary Committee,
I strongly urge you to vote no on SB 897, 797, and 868. Please read the following:

SB 897

"Creates crime of militia terrorism."

This bill was introduced at the request of *former* anti-gun legislator, Charlie Ringo, and is clearly a reaction to the Malheur occupation. But it serves little purpose but to stigmatize the term "militia" and open the door for prosecutions of people who have actually *complied* with law enforcement orders to leave a "publicly owned premises". **It's one more attempt to demonize the mere possession of a firearm, serves no public benefit and deserves to be shuffled off to the garbage heap.**

SB 797

It allows the Oregon State Police to deny a gun purchase to anyone for as long as they want. **There are no safeguards for people who are delayed in error, which is 95% of people delayed.** We strongly oppose this dangerous bill.

SB 868

This bill allows a family member or police officer to petition a court to remove any firearm you own with no arrest for, or conviction of, a crime. While it purports to be about removing firearms from the hands of "dangerous" people, it considers you "dangerous" if you have purchased or acquired a firearm or ammunition in the last 180 days. We strongly oppose this dangerous bill.

These bills are draconian and demonstrative of an ideologically driven legislature, not one that is serving Oregonians. They would not stop any crime, but only injure our most basic civil rights. I urge you to vote no on these bills, and focus on our budget crisis, a real issue with no real answers proposed yet.

Sincerely,
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