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As a lifelong Oregonian, I am concerned at several recent developments in Salem which—if made into law—will effectively abrogate Federally protected rights guaranteed to all Americans under the Second Amendment to the US Constitution, and make citizens of this state felons overnight.

These measures will do nothing whatsoever to reduce crime, but will in fact guarantee a huge increase in criminal activity by (1) making law-abiding citizens criminals, and (2) creating a huge underground market for ammunition, firearms and their accessories. These measures will also strain current and future law enforcement efforts beyond the breaking point and crowd our jails and prisons with a new class of criminals while our current offenders are set free to make room for law abiding, productive citizens.

I am of course referring to [SB 978](#) and its first "amendment" known as the "[Dash 1" amendment](#) which is in reality a 44 page statewide death sentence to anything resembling firearms ownership or self-protection, and completely ignores Second Amendment protections under Federal law.

If this "amendment" is adopted, the bill will:

Allow gun stores to refuse to sell firearms and ammunition to young adults.

Exonerate gun dealers and corporations who violated our anti-discrimination laws, even if they did it *before* this bill was passed.

Require that any self defense firearms be locked up and effectively unusable. Under this bill you can be prosecuted even if you did lock up your guns with a cable lock if someone has "access" to a device to defeat the lock. Which of course, is anyone who has access to almost any tool.

Hold gun owners responsible for two years for guns they "transferred" unless they could prove the transferred gun had a trigger or cable lock. Ultimately this makes gun owners and sellers criminals before the fact and responsible for outcomes over which they have absolutely no control. And the burden of proof is on them.

Hold gun owners responsible for crimes committed with guns that were stolen from them.

Treat "80 % lowers" (incomplete gun receivers) as complete guns requiring background checks and registration. If the lower is transferred and has no serial number, the police need a "detailed description: or the lower.

Ban "undetectable firearms."

Ban "untraceable firearms."

Increase CHL fees.

Allows cities, counties, metropolitan service districts, airports, schools, colleges and universities to ban CHL holders from "public buildings." Please note. The bill does NOT say buildings owned by those entities. It says "public buildings." Under this bill a school in John Day could forbid you from carrying your firearm in a public building in Troutdale.

Ban CHL holders from airports. No, not just the terminal. But the parking lots and grounds "adjacent" to parking lots. Picking up your spouse at the airport? Go to jail.

This "amendment" is patently insane and its components unenforceable by law enforcement. It creates a pretext for the abuse of law-abiding citizens and does nothing to improve public safety but rather compromises it.

Oregon has real problems and hasn't the time or resources to prosecute its citizens for crimes before the fact, for trying to protect themselves and their families, and for earning a living. These measures target only one group—your constituents and those who contribute something of value to the State of Oregon. These measures will NOT do anything to prevent gun violence or lower crime, and will in fact have the opposite effect.

I encourage our legislators to craft meaningful and practical solutions to problems facing Oregonians. These measures generate only more crime and litigation, line

the pockets of black market opportunists, and needlessly place the lives of citizens and law enforcement at grave risk. None of them will survive a Federal challenge.

For the sake of reason and sanity, for the sake of your constituents, and for the sake of the State of Oregon, I strongly urge you to reconsider and discard these flawed and destructive measures before they cause real damage.

Sincerely,

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