

As a proud Oregonian I am deeply appalled by the conduct of this committee. Stuffing an innocent looking bill with 44 pages of unpopular and ineffective gun control measures at the last minute shows a complete lack of transparency and an unwillingness to operate in good faith. Already a slew of deeply unpopular gun control bills are in the legislature the sum total of which would gut Oregonians second amendment rights. When the citizens of this great state stand up against these measures what do our representatives do? They try to skirt around the edges hiding their obvious disregard for public opinion, using cheap legislative tactics to take away our rights. The contents of these amendments are a clear pretext for the slow erosion of our civil liberties, with the ultimate aim being the disarmament of the citizens. These bills will not make our communities safer. They will not prevent violence in our communities. They will only embolden those individuals who have no regard for the law while rendering more Oregonians helpless and dependent.

Extending liability for the criminal actions of another individual as a result of the illegal theft of property sets a dangerous precedent which extends beyond guns. Allowing companies to discriminate gun sales to adults on the basis of age is prejudicial. Banning the personal manufacturing of a firearm is not in keeping with clearly established federal law. Allowing local governments to arbitrarily dictate "gun free zones" to ccl holders defeats the purpose of ccl licenses and restricts lawful gun owners right to self defense. If this legislature has any intention of truly representing the citizens of this state then they should do so in a manner that is transparent while giving citizens ample time to comment. This slew of last minute amendments hidden within a bill whose stated purpose is only to study illegal firearm transfers shows that this committee knows these amendments are unpopular and does not care. I strongly urge all Oregon representatives who truly care about transparency and accountability to oppose this amendment.

Sincerely,
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