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I'm one of the thousands in Oregon who think these bills are both unconstitutional and frankly a waste of my tax dollars!

I doubt you'll read to this, but I'm curious, if guns are so evil, why aren't you battling to seize every motor vehicle in Oregon? I've been in Police work for over 30 years in two states, and I've never seen a gun kill anyone. I've seen people do terrible things to each other. But that battle was in their mind, it had nothing to do with the gun, vehicle, weapon, drug, etc... We have DUII driver's every day of the week in virtually every city of Oregon, they kill more people every year than any gun related incident ever has. And yet, you won't go after the driver's car! Why not, how come I don't hear (you or) the media using terms like "Motor vehicle violence" like they use the term "gun violence?" Because they know that the car doesn't kill anyone, it's the decision-maker behind the wheel who chooses to drink and drive. You have the support of the ignorant because they bought into the fear mongering of the media. They don't know anything about firearms, refuse to take the initiative to educate themselves, so they fear them. Yet, they know how to drive their cars, and they have confidence in their ability to handle their cars. So, self-serving legislators know (you) could never take their cars, but guns, that's a path to taking someone's rights away and that is your real agenda. A car driven into the side of a Greyhound Bus can do as much or more carnage than any firearm. Car operators know there will be the occasional "accident" that could cause them injury or even death, and yet, they would never let you take their cars. Why do you think firearm owners are any different?

Finally, let's just say you're successful, let's just say you get these ludicrous laws passed. Do you have any idea how many of your family members, friends, federal, state, county and municipal emergency service providers you're going to turn into criminals? Many of these people own specialty firearms and ammunition personally. *Do you really think they're going to "comply?"* If they won't comply, then you've crossed that barrier between a law that's actually reasonable and in the best interest of the people, to pursuing the same mentality that fanatical leaders use to gain ultimate government control. Anyone who puts forward and/or supports these gun bills can't be trusted with their positions. You think I'm wrong? Surely, you've seen the bills presented that will allow a Sheriff to choose not to comply with liberal firearms laws that they believe violate the 2nd Amendment (like yours.) People have more confidence that their Sheriff, a person who has the authority to take their personal freedom away with their rights than they trust you. How do you not see that? And why doesn't that spur you on to *protecting* our rights rather than taking them?

I've heard the media use the statistic that 67% of Oregonians want some form of gun reform. What I don't hear them say is, what that poll demographic is made up of. I've never been one of the people polled... Ever! These statistics are drawn from our liberal and frankly, uneducated (in the real firearms world) college campuses where the liberal agenda has taken hold and in population centers like Portland, Salem and Eugene, where there is often no comprehension of what firearms do or don't do.

Before this legislative session, I bet I haven't written more than three emails or letters about what Salem is doing. But I'm one of thousands who people like you are turning into activists against your democratic agenda. If you get this or any other gun law like these signed into law, you can bet with the approximately 1.9 million gun owners, there will be enough *good* people willing to become active in politics to change things up in Salem. I know I'm sure tired of the Democratic agenda on multiple issues!

Firearms don't have the power of decision, behaviors are the product of decision. If you want meaningful change and you think a "thing" is responsible for the deaths of people ... start seizing motor vehicles. They kill a lot more people every year than firearms. If you're actually to be trusted with the power the people of Oregon have given you, stop wasting our time and money with foolish personal agendas like this and become guardians of the precious rights we have.

I don't fear the criminal with a gun, I fear uneducated people in power...

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