

I wanted to take a moment to give my opinion on gun control in the State of Oregon. This is a very sensitive issue to many Oregonians. I am a law abiding, hard working, ethical gun owner. I strongly believe in my right to bear arms. I believe I have the right to own an AR-15 with high capacity clips. The reason being that heaven forbid I ever actually get into a gun fight but if I did, I would want a better or equal gun in the fight. Whether I'm protecting my home, my family, my property or my life from a burglar, foreign invader or a tyrannical government, I want to have an equal or superior gun in the fight. Banning guns from the hands of the "good people" to protect them from harm is like banning sober drivers from the road so that they can't be killed by drunk drivers. It's going about fixing the problem the wrong way. Especially when the law abiding sober drivers are the ones paying the taxes. I don't have all the answers but I know in my heart that taking away gun rights from good people is going to cause adverse reactions in the State of Oregon.

I myself am currently in the process of shutting down a 41 year old successful small business that provides 10 family wage jobs so that I can relocate the company in a more business friendly and conservative State. Oregon's government officials have gone off the deep end with taxes, environmental controls, land use controls, and more and more taxes. I've lived here my entire life but I'm leaving because of it and all the other regulations. Gun control and the new taxes on the table are the straw that broke this camels back.

I'm not alone in my opinion. If our State government keeps raising taxes and taking away rights and cramming us all in like sardines, the lid is going to pop off. There will be civil unrest and a mass exodus of productive people that leave Oregon for good.

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