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Dear representative,

I feel it is necessary to write on a concern that I have about current proposed "gun control" legislation. I am a well behaved citizen of Oregon. The gun regulations proposed to limit ammo purchases and to ban certain features of firearms would appear by design to turn ordinary, well behaved civilians, including me into a criminal. I own and legally use firearms. No one who owns firearms should not be criminalized for constitutionally compliant possession of firearms or property.

At this point of time, the actions taken by Oregon State legislators that have been introducing, supporting and voting in favor of "gun control" legislation are breaking the law. The United States of America is a sovereign nation. This is a fact supported by the Declaration of Independence. The US Constitution sets up the federal government. The Bill of Rights lists rights that belong to the people or to the states. The second amendment, or the right of the people to keep and bear arms is the people's right. No where in the second amendment does the government have the privilege or the legal ability to limit or prevent people from owning arms. And arms in definition include cutlery such as knives, firearms and munitions. The second amendment is clear that the people's right shall not be infringed. Limiting munitions and restricting ownership based on a feature of the firearm is an infringement. An infringement is defined as breaking the law or an agreement. The second amendment is the federal government's agreement to not diminish or take away the right of the people to have arms. The tenth amendment that reads "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people." keeps not only the federal government restrained but state and local governments are also included and the people are restricted from taking action also.

Firearms and the people's right to keep the them are undeniably important to keep. The people have this important right for the protection of themselves against unfair and illegal actions from their own or other governments and also gives the people a tool to protect and support their own government, the sovereign land of their nation and the neighborhoods they inhabit should it come under attack by forces foreign or domestic. Citizens should not be deprived of the right to keep and bear arms as it is but just one very important aspect to a very healthy and complete liberty that all people deserve.

My name is Joe Melton. I am proud to be a citizen, a family man, and fleet mechanic. I support the rights of the people to keep and bear arms and I expect you to do so as well.

Thank you for your time,

Joe Melton

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