

I have never before felt compelled to testify on matters being considered by the State Senate. Yet, in this case, the inconsistencies and ignorance of the supporters of this bill demands comment. This bill will do nothing to improve public safety in Oregon and the supporters know it. This bill is a poorly veiled attempt to further infringe on the rights of otherwise law-abiding Oregonians to defend themselves, their families and their property.

I am amazed and disgusted at the inconsistencies from Democrats who simultaneously want to raise the age for gun ownership, because young people are too immature to make sound decisions, yet want to lower the voting age to 16, because the voice of our youth must be heard.

They want to pass draconian gun control legislation because it is worth it if only one life is saved. Yet Oregon has among the most liberal abortion laws in the nation resulting in the death of thousands annually.

They make Oregon in to a sanctuary state where thousands of illegal immigrants, criminals by definition, are protected by the State yet want to impose the harshest of penalties on law abiding citizens whose only crime is the desire to keep their families safe. They allow Antifa and other radical Leftists to ruin our cities while seeking to punish only the law abiding.

I have lived Oregon all of my adult life except when I was serving our country in the US Navy. I love this Country and this State but I find the unilateral, ill-considered actions by the current legislature on all fronts to be utterly contemptible.

Even though the far Left makes up only 20-25% of our population, 100% of the legislation being considered by this Legislature is promoting the far Left's agenda. As a Conservative, I haven't had a voice in Salem for decades. Every session, the State drifts further and further Left. The fact that socialism has never worked anywhere it has been tried and always results in death and misery is lost on the Leftists here who support it.

Ironically, this unacceptable behavior by the Left to force others into their fundamentally flawed vision of a utopian future is the primary reason I own guns and the primary reason the founding fathers added the 2nd Amendment to the Constitution. We keep and bear arms in order to resist illegal and tyrannical actions by our own government. Make no mistake, SB 978 is illegal. The Second Amendment says that the right of the citizens to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. SB 978 is nothing if not an infringement of those rights.

I have no delusions that anything said, any facts presented, or any logic revealed will dissuade this Legislature from passing this radical, extreme, flawed, unnecessary legislation. We all know the real reason for this legislation is to enable the Government to assume even more power in the future. If there is a shred of intelligence or humanity left in you I urge you in the strongest terms to vote against this dangerous legislation.

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