

Government acquires power and many of you folks are here this morning attempting to do what government does. Many with their hearts in the right place and meaning well but not really considering the big picture. I spent some time researching. You can find whatever you want it depends on what information is omitted from the study. Bottom line is, armed, law abiding citizens save lives and stop violent crime every single day in this country. The measures proposed here would do nothing other than to empower the bad guys and limit the good guys that seek to defend their fellow citizens. The greatest affect would be to weakest among us thus limiting their right of self defense. The bad guys don't care about your laws. They are drawn to gun free zones like a moth to light. Gun free zones are only that for law abiding citizens. In fact criminals and mass murderers seek out gun free zones and why not, nobody is shooting back.

Let me ask you this.

Would you take away a mama bears claws and teeth and send her and her cubs into a pack of wolves. I don't think there's one person in this chamber that would advocate taking the tools away from her that god gave her to defend those cubs. Yet many of you seek to take away the rights of your fellow citizens to do just that.

We don't live in a perfect world. There have always been bad people and there always will be. I submit Until you can guarantee me that bad people will never hurt my family, my fellow citizen. or me, which you can't, You have absolutely no right to limit in any way my ability to defend my family, my fellow citizens or myself. Period! These are the rights granted to me under the Oregon state and US constitutions. I pray they be not infringed.