

To Whom It May Concern:

Having learned the truth of history, we know that denying any group of citizens their constitutional rights in the past has led to many atrocities, which is why true patriotic United States citizens have protected our constitutional rights at every turn. To deny a person an innate constitutional right to protect themselves and their family is a variation of slavery. I implore you, do not facilitate slavery!

Forcing citizens to lock up their self-defense firearms in their own homes is depriving them of their right to life by being unable to defend their life and that of their family in any dangerous situation that may present itself, including but not limited to a home invasion. Saying citizens have a right to defend themselves with a firearm but then forcing them to make the firearm useless in a moment of sudden danger is unreasonable. The state opens itself up to many lawsuits if its citizens start dying because they were unable to unlock their firearms in time to defend their lives and their families.

Also, it is absolutely absurd to expect an 18-year-old to go overseas and fire multiple types of firearms in our armed forces to protect our country and then come back home and not be able to buy any firearms at all to protect his own family. 18 is no longer considered a minor and should include full constitutional rights.

And the idea of holding the previous owner of an inanimate object that he sold out of his possession responsible for the actions of a criminal using that object two years later is so completely unreasonable that I cannot fathom the thought of even considering it becoming law. It is completely asinine. No person is responsible for the actions of any other person but themselves. The criminal is responsible for his own actions, he did the crime, he should do the time. It is that simple. The person that commits the crime is the one that should be held accountable for their own actions, not anybody or any THING else.

And my next topic, 80% lowers are not guns. Are we going to start considering a solid piece of iron as a firearm just because it is used to create a firearm? What about the ore in the ground? A firearm is a firearm, other things are other things, they are not the same thing. If an 80% lower has been completed to 100% THEN it is a gun, not before.

There is no such thing as an undetectable firearm. 3D printed guns without metal barrels blow up the first time fired with the projectile going in some random direction with nowhere close to enough power to be considered a firearm. A rock is more dangerous than a 3D printed gun without a metal barrel. A metal barrel makes it detectable.

The CHL laws here in Oregon work fine. We don't have a problem with CHL holders in Oregon committing crimes with their firearms. We have a problem with CRIMINALS using firearms. CHL holders are among the most law-abiding citizens there are. Turning the state into a patchwork quilt of varying carry rules is going to render CHLs nearly useless. If you want to make Oregon safer, start knocking on KNOWN criminal's doors, (the people that have a laundry list of violent charges against them) and doing "search and seizure" for their illegally possessed firearms.

If you know the topic well, and you think logically, these are not "common sense gun safety" ideas, they are completely nonsense ideas, and will only put law-abiding firearms owners and their families in danger of the CRIMINALS that do not follow the law.

Sincerely,

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