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Respectfully, to the Governor and to the Legislature,

It is my understanding that many of the bills being considered during this legislative session contain Emergency Clauses, specifically many of the gun bills.

The voters of Oregon have always been a wonderful example of active democracy by way of our somewhat unique ability to rein in Salem via ballot initiatives. The Governor's comments, "Oregon has not only avoided a number of potentially problematic ballot measures..." lays bare the intent of the legislature to strip Oregonians of our right to bring ballot measures against legislation that We the People do not want. This calculated attempt by the legislature is not in line with the values the legislature itself professes to espouse, nor does it align with the values of Oregonians.

The right of the people to keep and bear arms is the defacto indicator of the "consent of the governed." Every infringement upon this right is a reduction of that consent. This is no matter to be politicized.

If the will of the voters is truly for gun legislation, then I implore you all, do not strip us of our right to make our voices heard, either consenting or dissenting, via ballot measure.

Please do not consider any gun legislation which carries the Emergency Clause.

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