

For the unknowing, the confused, the misinformed, and the free. I am typing this letter as I am not able to make the April 2nd 2019 assembly in Salem, Oregon. I am a music teacher, a volunteer, a father, a husband, a son of 2 long standing Oregonians. I am an eldest brother, a Veteran and most important, a law abiding concerned citizen living in a State that I swore at the age of sixteen to protect against all enemies, foreign & domestic.

The bill that is currently being determined on whether to become multiple laws in the State I live is concerning for a number of reasons. Though I understand the intents and the "well meaning" of all the representatives involved, including children (ages 16 and under). However what I see being pushed forward and quite literally down the throats of all Oregonians is that we aren't able to be safe, law abiding citizens without the involvement of the government. Namely the same representatives whom are constantly trying to strip our state, it's residents and more specifically myself and the people I swore to teach, inform, and protect until my last breath of our inalienable rights that not only we born with. I also have earned through service and dedication to the country I love and have loved since I was 16 and raised my right hand in defense of.

To allow any of the following requests, "propositions" you may call them into law is not only damaging to the 1st Amendment, but also the 2nd in a number of ways;

In reference to gun stores, as an entity that has any control over any citizens Constitutional Rights is absurd. Furthermore, firearm dealers, "gun stores" as it's stated are all businesses ran by people. People who make mistakes, people whom once handed power can and may abuse said power. IE. Telling any law abiding citizen that they can or can't purchase or be involved with something that is a born right.

To threaten the American people with unenforceable jail time and fines that are perverse to the 2nd Amendment is shameful. To criminalize people of whom may follow these absurd restrictions because actual criminals can steal, destroy, and reuse a firearm will unjustly cause even the most law abiding Americans into criminals. Why should responsible people who have never been involved in a crime be responsible for actual criminals ability or devise to destroy a lock?

Transferring, or sales of firearms without a lock makes the previous owner responsible for any misuse of said firearm is beyond an excessive penalty. Furthermore, the American public is no more responsible for any wrongdoings committed by someone that has no intention of following the law. Which leads to punishment of a firearm owner who has their firearm(s) stolen wherein the firearm is used in the commission of a crime. If our laws don't penalize the actual criminals, and protect the people who are victimized, what is the point of making more laws?

To demand and attempt to enforce "80% lowers" as a way to check backgrounds and registration is an attempt give open permission to control and allow further permissions for future confiscations. Who determines what is considered 80% of a firearm? It's a ridiculous question to ask. However, it's in the proposal. Whoever thinks they can determine this best, is narcissistic and has a misinformed view of how firearms actually work.

Nobody, especially the government is going to tell me what I can and can't create in my home. Period. This includes buying new technology. Computers, printers (3-D or otherwise) my business, and what I do behind my closed doors is not for anyone to decide but me.

Though "untraceable firearms" might sound like you would be "getting guns off the streets". This would be a hoax. Many firearms in many different settings either didn't have or don't have serial numbers on any part of them. If you're telling the public that we can't collect antiques, memorabilia, family heirlooms, or any form of military history is another attempt to control the public. This encroaches on our Rights as free thinking, law abiding, safe Americans. You, and no other member of Government has no right to attempt to take our property, or strip us of any rights for a believed "better good".

When my rights as an American are called into question, like the ability to defend myself, my family, or anyone in a life threatening situation with potential equal life threatening force I shouldn't have to pay for that. Nor is it any one's business what I keep on my person, firearm, knife, chewing gum, a Bible or otherwise. Last year there was a "firearm threat" at my children's school, the child who made the threat didn't want to take a test because she was unprepared. I live right behind this school, my yard connects to school property. To say that I or anyone else for that matter would have to do something, other than keep the firearms in my families household is another violation of our rights as people in the pursuit of health, happiness and all the other rights that were made in response to fear and worse yet false dilemma's to achieve a biased unenforceable goal. To allow Governor's and Mayor's to determine if their town, city, or county should be CHL free is overstepping boundaries as a means of control, and creating victims considering the low amount of gun violence there actually is, and where mass shootings occur. Which is more than 95% in "gun free zones".

These are just a few of the many concerns that I have in regards to this excessive trampling of our Rights as free law abiding Americans living in the state of Oregon. The constant filing of proposed bills that attempt make into law ideals that are disingenuous, false, or made turn our society against one another thus is only going to create a weak unarmed society that is sitting like a duck on the water waiting to be attacked by anyone with a gun.

I appreciate the opportunity to voice in part of my opinion on the matter. "Common sense gun laws" are only created out of nonsense. We are a free and powerful nation. I urge you to act as such.

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