

HB 2013 – In Opposition

To Whom It May Concern:

I am submitting my testimony in opposition to HB 2013.

This bill is yet another attempt to limit the rights of the people of Oregon to keep and bear arms and violates due process, in that the person being required to deliver his firearms does not have opportunity, before the order is issued, to face his accusers.

My main concern regarding this bill is that it is yet another attempt to place the people under a labyrinth of laws to limit the rights of the people to defend themselves, both against private persons and tyrannical government. In fact, I believe that it is the hidden agenda of those behind the creation of such laws is to deprive the people of the right to defend themselves so that they may more easily be ruled by despotic and totalitarian governments.

The Second Amendment to the US Constitution specifies an unqualified right to defend oneself. It is a natural right. A person should be free to defend himself, whether he has never committed a crime, is on probation, or is under a restraining order. If it is believed that a person is a danger to society, he needs to be locked up in a jail, prison, or mental hospital and not be in public at all.

I am becoming irritated and outraged at the constant assault on our natural rights to defend ourselves. We seem to be continually having to oppose laws that violate our rights to defend ourselves. It is time for the proposing of such laws that limit our natural rights to cease.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samuel Thomas Lewis".

Samuel Thomas Lewis

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