

Dear Senate Judiciary Members,

I am writing because I am not able to attend the hearing tomorrow morning. However, I am furious that this bill has been written and is getting any time and consideration from all of you. None of these ideas are good for Oregonians. As Representative Lithicum has previously pointed out, it in fact jeopardizes the safety of law abiding citizens.

FBI and CDC studies have shown that these concepts do not do anything to curb violence where firearms are used. Just the fact that you continually focus on "assault rifles" to curb "gun violence" tells me that you are far less concerned about actual safety measures and more about maintaining power through hysteria and feel good legislation. If you want to do more to help keep Oregonians safe, how about removing our decades old sanctuary state legislation? How about increasing funding, statewide for mental health facilities and care? How about doing more to fight the growing epidemic of drug use? Instead, it sounds as if you are far more interested in keeping Oregonians doped up, complacent, and unarmed. I sure hope not.

My daughter is 20 yrs old, working and living in the Salem area. By raising the age restrictions, you place her life and safety at risk. She already is restricted from purchasing a handgun. She hasn't broken any laws, is working a career job, paying her taxes and is voting. Are you willing to look either one of us in the eye and say that her life doesn't matter? By restricting her 2nd Amendment Rights, which are not to be infringed, you are doing just that.

Many of you I know, recognize that these supposed "common sense" bills are horrible, and jeopardize us, the law abiding citizens of Oregon. I thank you. Those that are pushing this garbage through, I'm begging you. Look at world history, look at our nation's history, and finally, look at current situation in Venezuela. How can you consider the taking of firearms from our citizens as being for our good, and common sense, when so many times it has led to mass murder, genocide, and violent crime? If you continue to push this through, then at least give us the courtesy of not lying to us anymore. Just come out and say it. You want our guns so you can grow and maintain your tyranny. I think you owe us at least a little bit of honesty.

I'm attaching a pic of my daughter. Shouldn't she have the right to protect herself? Doesn't she qualify for the same rights as you or me?

Thank you for your consideration,

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