

My wife, son and I are constituents of Sen. Thatcher and Rep. Post. We are both opposed to this bill. These actions are only feel good measures. They will not stop or deter a person with criminal intent from carrying out crimes with guns. There are already laws on the books that make assault with weapons and murder illegal. However that doesn't stop anyone from these crimes.

Looking at areas that currently have extreme gun-control measures, such as Chicago and Washington DC, these measures make no discernable difference in gun crimes. These only deter self-protection of law abiding citizens, including minority's living in impoverished areas and women who are abused. If this committee is concerned about the welfare of those groups you would make self-protection easier to accomplish.

The United States and Oregon Constitutions allow for self-defense using a firearm. This bill, and many others that have been proposed, go against those documents and disallow the right of self-defense for all citizens. Several recent federal court cases have sided with the right of self-defense using firearms and the courts would most likely rule against these Oregon rules costing the state monies it doesn't have. Citizens deserve the constitutionally protected right of self-defense, especially those living in impoverished neighborhoods and women who are in abusive relationships.

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