

I am past president and past match director for Medford Rifle and Pistol Club, a competition shooter, safety officer, firearms Instructor & hunter. The club membership averages around 1,000 families.

I lived in Oregon and Jackson County all my life (73 years), but this is not Oregon anymore. It's unrecognizable to me with restrictions on forest and public land use and now even more restrictions pending on firearms and the second amendment. All this has changed Oregon. Out of state people loved Oregon and moved here for a lot of different reasons but some are trying to change it into their old state, playing "keep up with the Jones" (other states) or submitting to outside interest and money. For the first time in my life friends are moving out of state because they don't like what Oregon is becoming.

State and federal lawmakers should be knowledgeable, and have a good understanding of subjects they write laws for. Most firearm bills don't show much, if any, understanding of subject; with loop holes, changing word meanings, vague descriptions, definitions open to interpretation, deceptive titles and subjects, with no regard for cost or implementation.

Two types of anti-gun bill authors (1) backed by out of state money. (2) Those that want to be backed by out of state money. We get bills written like other states (copycat bills / one up-on you bill) or provided wording by backers instead of thinking for your selves. Some are those that are obviously home made by un-informed lawmakers. Also there are bills made by common sense lawmakers that have good intentions, safety / education / support of the constitution / limiting firearm ownership to criminals and the mentally ill, etc.

Throwing the baby out with the bathwater is what happens when you stuff a bill with overwhelming volume of ideas. There are some good reasonable ideas that are lumped together with restrictions on the second amendment and legal gun owning citizens. This should not be a

political battle, it should be a common sense discussion of problems, if they exist, with no D or R involved. You have taken an oath to uphold the constitution of the United States and Oregon, maybe you should read them.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my views,

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