

This is in regards to the current and any future anti gun legislation.

When I moved to Oregon just over four years ago, it was to get away from just this kind of not so common sense law making that infringed upon our second amendment right to bear arms. This was put into place to ensure that if such a need were to arise against a tyrannical government, that the people would have a means to rise against that tyranny. This is a very serious consideration, and can not be looked upon as an antiquated idea that time has passed by

I had believed that Oregon was a state that prided itself on it's people to have the ability to decide for themselves what was good common sense. Now I come to understand that they are not able to do so without the help of the government. It's what's called freedom of choice and freedom of thought.

I'm sure that most of you that wish to pass this legislation are doing so in good faith, and see no harm in removing ones ability to protect themselves from harm, but this is just what this will do. There are examples all over the world to see what happens when a government takes away ones ability to protect themselves and others, past and present. More often than not, it leaves the door open for a corrupt government to force it's will upon the people, ending in death and misery on a scale that effects not just a few, but millions.

Regionally, there are needs for weapons that are not appreciated by those living in cities and suburbs. Many of those people live in areas far from any police protective services, and the need to protect ones self is extremely important. Rural communities in Oregon are vast in area, and do not enjoy the sense of protection of local law enforcement.

May I suggest that those in your position not take a blanket approach to your proposed gun legislation, but instead let local cities and towns make their own decisions when it comes to these matters. I believe that that would make more sense, and hope that you will consider my idea.

Respectfully,

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