

Statistically, CHL holders are more law abiding than even the police. Time and again, CHL holders stop violence from happening, long before the police arrive. We should be encouraging more of our legally armed law abiding citizens, not deterring them with increased fees and limitations on where they can carry.

Additionally, "untraceable" firearms (80% lowers) are not used in crimes! Criminals go about obtaining firearms the old fashioned way: they steal them or use a straw purchaser. As a victim of a gun crime, I was disheartened when the DA in my case dropped all gun related charges from my perpetrator and he was back on the street within 2 months! If you want to be tough on gun crimes, go after the criminals actually committing the crimes and don't drop the charges on them! Put them away to where they can't create more victims. Please, please, please, encourage our justice system to enforce the laws already on the books instead of creating more and punishing the law abiding citizenry.

I want to throw this out there: <https://thepathforwardonguns.com/>

It is from a study that actually listened to both sides of the debate, cleared through a lot of the muck, and actually laid out a plan that truly COULD do something to impact gun violence. A plan that a majority of both sides could accept. On top of this, it hinges on fixing the NICS system. It is obviously flawed as so many of the weapons used by shooters have been legally purchased. This should be a no brainer when it is the people that should be the focus, not the instrument.

Holding innocent citizens responsible for acts of another is not responsible law making. Once a possession is out of someone's control, they should not be held responsible for the actions of others.

I grow disheartened with the political tactics currently happening in Salem and I do not feel represented. I'm all for medicare for all, reinvesting in our education, and helping set up programs and services to aid the most impoverished and those left behind and ignored by our society. I am a business owner in Portland, and I vote. My business brings me very close to hundreds of families in my community monthly, and I hear many of the same frustrations from my customers here in NE PDX.

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