

Members,

To those of you who would support diluting the 2nd Amendment.

This week we will again show you how informed Oregonians have had enough of your inability to see past the seduction of money and the grabbing of overbearing power in this year's sessions. The question is when will you listen?

Whether it an attempt to suppress the 2nd Amendment, alter the truth of climate change, force the poisoning of our children, or circumventing our vote, your actions will do little else but directly harm and divide us further if you continue to ignore our voice.

We see the blatant money trails you follow. We understand your intoxication with power.

It is time for you to start listening to those outside the urban pocketbook of support.

HB 4005, like all the other illogical proposals this year, especially on gun control, is disguised incrementalism. You are trying to steal our freedoms and rights through government control, nothing more.

Where is your record of meetings with firearms experts and those who have pertinent information which brings accurate data to the table? Can you name those you have met and worked with beyond a perfunctory gesture who would want to safeguard our 2nd Amendment rather than rip it to shreds? I am not talking about those who are enconsced in your camp.

I am talking about people that have experience and relevant facts. Unlike your dishonest benefactor Bloomberg who proved in his multimillion dollar propaganda ad recently that truth doesn't matter when you can manufacture distorted sound bites. And recruit with them.

Where is your bi-partisan record? Why can't you see that taking rights from honest citizens is contrary to the greater good of all Oregonians. Your path is destroying our state.

Have you gone to a range or experienced a program that nurtures young people about gun safety? Can you recognize the long lasting benefits of early education about guns?

Do you not know how common it was for kids, just a generation ago, to bring their guns to school and go shooting afterwards rather than park themselves in front of violent video games when classes let out. Guns and their uses weren't demonized, they were shown respect and value and a means of imparting responsibility and discipline. Parenting.

Are you unaware of how many lives are saved in our Country by having quick access to a firearm? I am talking about thousands upon thousands of incidents a year. And yes, even by young people under 18 years old.

The risk of those who could be harmed with your wanting guns being made inaccessible or banned from public areas is very high. You do realize that the preponderance of public shootings take place under conditions you want to increase ... the so called gun free zones.

Do any of these concerns matter to you?

It seems not when we watch you celebrate releasing selective lawbreakers and criminal aliens into our neighborhoods.

And you dare to speak of common sense.

The vast majority of gun owners know how to secure guns properly and do so. You have no right to come into our bedrooms to legislate. You have no right to ban us from buildings we paid for. We would be far better off promoting gun safety classes in the schools and offering community programs to give parents access to education about firearms if they are uninformed.

As to the tragic suicide statistics that Oregon maintains, the state can find greater blame in its own neglect and promotion of anti-family policy. The horrible record we hold on the drugging and treatment of children at risk is shameful.

Mental health and suicide are lockstep. Drugs pouring over our borders kill 200 children a day in this country.

And I know from my own personal experience that if a young person (or any age) is truly determined to end their lives they will find a way with or without a gun.

With examples like the Parkland school administrator's systematic failures, with policies like the last President's that masked bad behavior of problem children, and with Oregon's weak history in child protections services .... you instead choose the low hanging political fruit of gun control, your virtue signaling and misdirection complete.

Blaming guns is so much easier for you. It makes for profitable fundraising and those slick soundbites while camouflaging your distain for private gun ownership. And when a willing media exploits that narrative along with an out of state billionaire suppling you money, the seduction is complete.

Do not vote for HB 4005 or any other Bill that deflects from your real work.

The wisdom of our 2nd Amendment stands. We want no more encumbrances from you. Instead, remember your Oath to the Constitution of the United States.

Sincerely,  
Sally Klein