

The Second Amendment to the US Constitution isn't arcane or mysterious. It's elegant in its simplicity. As you know, "The right of the People shall not be infringed" means exactly what it says. HB 4005 is a clear infringement on the Second Amendment. Therefore, I, along with many other thousands of Oregonians strongly oppose it.

Regardless of how many "justifications" are offered in defense of its passage, this bill serves the criminal better than it does the public at large. Cable and trigger locks are easily defeated with any number of simple "junk drawer" items, and locked firearms are useless in protecting oneself or one's family. Criminals won't wait while we unlock and load up.

The right to defend oneself isn't given by the Legislature or even by The Constitution. It's given by God, to all of us; not just to the rich or the elite. In my lifetime I've seen a frightening number of our freedoms legislated or adjudicated away by those who have no moral or legal authority to do so. It's time for it to stop.

When you were elected, you swore an oath to uphold and defend The Constitution of the United States. If you violate this oath, you break your promise to your constituents. You can make your job as a legislator simpler and *all* of our lives easier if you just abide by the oath *you swore*.

The Second Amendment isn't a guideline or a suggestion: it's a directive. Please vote accordingly and let this law die in committee.

Respectfully,

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