

Any and all Oregon legislators

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Re; Proposed Safe storage Bill (LC38)

Hello,

My Name is Randy Probasco. I am, a statistically speaking, an old white male of 66 years. I am a Real Estate Appraiser and a gun owner since I was 12. I am an independent thinker who as a registered Democrat, voted for Diane Feinstein, George McGovern, and Jimmy Carter. Somewhere, the democratic party changed (like it is today) and I found myself leaning towards the Green and Republican parties. The older I became the more of my personal liberties being taken away (in the name of protecting me) steered me to the views of conservatives. It's been a long journey and one that has become very disturbing to many of us "senior" citizens.

I mention my profession of 40 years because the skills required to analyze statistics along with the cause and effect of public reactions to different situations. It is both a blessing and a curse. I find myself dismantling and looking for relationships to peoples actions, reactions, along with the physical items in every aspect of my personal life. Some call this the anal in analytics. So, when the gun lock up crusade started, I looked at the published numbers by the FBI. The trending shows the number of stolen guns has declined roughly 50% since 1995 thru 2010. (latest stats).

The last 3 years the country has seen a huge increase (20% compounded) in the number of video and audio surveillance in and around personal residences (estimated 120 million homes). Alarm systems (wired, wifi and cellular systems) have dropped in price and reliability. The estimates are low due to easy access to the systems with no tracking statistically. I am sure many if not all of the Oregon legislators have security systems of some sort in their residences. These systems are a much greater deterrent to burglaries than a cable that can be cut, a lock that can be shattered or a small safe that can be carried away.

PBS did a test recently to see how long it takes a person to get the keys, get the weapon, load the magazine (longer if semi-autos get banned) and it was just under 20 seconds. Well, that is a gross misrepresentation of the actual time needed in an emergency.

Lets say your asleep. If your like me, sometimes you take a sleep aid (melatonin) and while your not knocked out or otherwise in a deep sleep. Suddenly you hear a noise, your startled, possibly slightly disoriented as we all are when we first wake up. Your reaction time is guaranteed doubled if not tripled.

In that 40-60 seconds a bad guy can take control of the situation resulting in rape and/or murder.

This bill states the firearm when "not in use" shall be secured. I submit to this body, a firearms "function"* as a means of self protection, places it "in use" while setting on or inside my night stand.

The function of a firearm in the home is to protect. It can not perform this function adequately or completely if it is not readily available or otherwise disabled from its primary use.

This bill violates the natural and constitutional rights to keep and bear arms in a manner that protects life and liberty. The clause of prosecuting victims for others crimes violates the constitution. The moral righteousness of this legislative body will be lost forever if this bill should ever see the light of day.

Please consider all the facts before considering this legislation. It is not cure all for the schools failures to provide an education that allows our children to secure good jobs where they do not have to resort to crime. The failure of many Oregon schools is a direct cause and effect to most if not all property crime and can be tied to some violent crime.

Thank you for your time and your honest consideration while doing the peoples business. Too often those making the largest donation make the laws and the legislators are reduced to common prostitutes.

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