Firearms are our right to freely possess and use as citizens of the United States of America. We must be able to protect of our families and property against an ever growing threat of violence and lawlessness which our government is reluctant or unable to do. Forcing law abiding gun owners to lock up our weapons diminishes or removes our ability to protect ourselves and places us in increased peril of victimization, makes criminals of normally law abiding citizens, and deprives us of our ability to adequately defend ourselves against victimizers. Oregon already has sufficient laws to govern the use of firearms. The citizens of this state need ready access to weapons to deter and/or repel criminals who do not respect the law or rights of others.

Criminals will never obey or comply with gun laws. I urge and beseech you, do not support anti-gun legislation which will inhibit or take away our liberties and ability to protect and defend ourselves and our families.

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