

To Members of the Oregon House of Representatives;

I've read over House Bill 2510 and I'm very concerned with the language in the bill. The way the bill reads if someone breaks into my house, which by the way is a Class A felony and they have no right to do so, steals my firearm, which has a lock on it, then has a tool readily available to them to defeat the lock, I'm held liable for any action they or anyone else does with my stolen firearm? What ever happened to punishing the criminal, not the law abiding citizen? No one has the right to break into anything I own and steal anything from me let alone hold me responsible for a criminal's actions.

What's next? Sell your car to someone who within the next two years drives the car while texting and causes an accident. Do we hold the person who sold the car liable? Maybe hold the person who sold the cellphone to the driver liable? Or the person you sold the car to drives drunk? Instead of holding the person committing the crime responsible, should we hold the person who sold the car responsible?

The way this bill is written it's obvious the Democrats want you to give up your firearms. No matter what happens you're held liable. Someone steals your guns and does something with them, you're liable. Have them locked up and someone steals them then defeats the lock, you're liable. Sell your guns and the person you sold them to does something with them, you're liable. Don't report them stolen, you're liable. Report them stolen you're liable.

Let's enforce the gun laws we have by actually locking people up who commit gun crimes. Let's have mandatory sentences for people who steal guns. I just don't know how constitutionally I can be held liable for another person's unlawful actions, especially if I'm the victim of a crime where they stole something from me having no right to do so.

I ask that this bill not be brought forward as it imposes on the rights of lawful gun owners. A victim can't be held liable for a criminal's actions. Let's pass meaningful gun laws such as mandatory 5-10 year sentences for people who steal guns or use guns in the commission of a crime.

Respectfully,
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