

Dear Sirs or Madams:

I am an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Oregon since May of 2009, was a law clerk two years before that, and am a graduate of Willamette University. I am sending you this email to express my opposition to the current proposed amendments to HB 2510, sponsored by Representatives PRUSAK, SOLLMAN, REYNOLDS, Senator BURDICK; Representatives CLEM, GRAYBER, HOLVEY, SCHOUTEN, SMITH WARNER, WILDE, Senators FREDERICK, GORSEK, and WAGNER. As a backdrop, I present you with the following:

Oregon Constitution, Section 27. "The people shall have the right to bear arms for the defence [sic] of themselves, and the State, but the Military shall be kept in strict subordination to the civil power[.]"

Furthermore, the United States Constitution expressly states the following:

The United States Constitution, Article V, states "No person SHALL. . .nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation."

I generally object to the entirety of this bill. More specifically:

District of Columbia v. Heller, 554 U.S. 570 (2008), stated the Second Amendment protects an individual's right to possess a firearm, unconnected with service in a militia, for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self-defense within the home, and that the District of Columbia's handgun ban and requirement that lawfully-owned rifles and shotguns be kept "unloaded and disassembled or bound by a trigger lock" violated this guarantee. Citation omitted.

This is no different. Again, this is an attempt to force lawful gun owners to keep guns locked, in disregard of constitutional rights. Lawful gun owners in a compromised situation cannot access their self defense weapon if it is locked. You should recognize these constitutional rights.

Racist criminals across the state of Oregon will disregard any laws such as this, and will continue to rob, rape, and kill innocent civilians, and set fire to private and public property with people inside. They will stop anyone in their path to show their anger and resentment. They will resolve conflicts with violence, and laugh at your laws. They celebrate their lawlessness as we speak. HB 2510 will place in fear those who have been victims of burglary, robbery, rape, and arson and whose families have been murdered, raped, or robbed or property burned. People who lawfully possess firearms would never harm a fly, will never need to fire their weapon in self defense, but possess the firearms for their, security, safety, and defense of self from racist, hardened, intimidating, and lawless criminals and predators who are physically stronger and more willing and able to be violent and dangerous.

This is an attempt to criminalize law abiding citizens and to deprive them of constitutional rights. This is a racist agenda.

Based on any and all of the above stated reasons, not stated in their entirety in this email, I demand that you not allow HB 2510 or any future proposed legislation of similar substance. This is an attempt to abrogate constitutional rights, and will not reduce crime or injury. Crime will always be there. For the victims of crimes from violent and hardened criminals, and for those in fear for their life and safety, please pay closer sensitivity to the right to bear arms, when such legislation is proposed to you.