

Members,

Please recognize that you are alienating many thousands of your fellow Oregonians, the law abiding ones.

If a driving reason for HB2510 is to prevent the tragedy of a child's death, I can relate to that compassionate thought but I do not condone your methods. Especially when skewed studies and statistics are used to further an underlying agenda. Everytown has been a notorious source of that approach.

Safe Storage Gun Laws: Accidental Deaths, Suicides, and Crime, Prof. John Lott, Yale School of Law, March 2000

Fact: Fifteen states that passed "safe storage" laws saw 300 more murders, 3,860 more rapes, 24,650 more robberies, and over 25,000 more aggravated assaults in the first five years. On average, the annual costs borne by victims averaged over \$2.6 billion as a result of lost productivity, out-of-pocket expenses, medical bills, and property losses. "The problem is, you see no decrease in either juvenile accidental gun deaths or suicides when such laws are enacted, but you do see an increase in crime rates."

The committee should know better than to usurp Constitutional Rights using emotional & reactive means. Attempts to entrap honest gun owners has become a sport for Democrats and anti gun factions.

Why Meadow Died, authored by her dad Andrew Pollack (Parkland) is a book you might consider reading. See what politically misdirected focus can produce in perceptions about "gun" violence.

It's impossible to legislate every nuance of human nature. This HB is a clumsy & ill conceived.

If you were truly worried about reckless use of a weapon you would not sit out the purposeful emptying of our prisons and jails or closing of mental health facilities.

If you were worried about the well being of children you would recognize the dangers of medical staff whose mistakes kill 400,000 + people a year.

You would not support doctors who condone and allow CHILDREN to surgically alter their lives forever with sex change operations, an abhorrent invasion of family that leads to more suicides than acknowledged. You give immature minds adult license without parental knowledge, unconscionable.

If you were worried about the well being of children you would stop allowing them to be vacuumed from the wombs of women by numbers that far outweigh the firearms incidents you describe in this HB. I can hardly bear the hypocrisy. Did doctors or nurses who perform or assist in that service testify on Tuesday?

If there weren't an underlying agenda you'd be more concerned about the number of automobile deaths of children, by suffocation, fire, drowning, poisoning, & falls, that far exceed those associated with firearms. Are you able to end all those causes? I ask if you would go as far in lust for control as to ban cars altogether and keep children locked in their homes away from reality for "safety reasons" but wait..

What positives has condoning perpetual riots this last year produced? How has that example ensured our children's positive growth & safety?

If you were really on the side of children, or women, or families in distress as it relates to firearm safety you would want to supplement lessons that the vast majority of gun owning parents teach in their homes. You'd recognize that accidental or negligent firearm deaths are extremely low by comparison to the list of other causes.

If you want to be truly effective about gun safety bring back instructional safety classes in schools and stop demonizing guns. Fund supportive instructional groups. Follow the lead of others who have already taken positive steps & help nurture the right one has to protect themselves in a world being made less safe by the minute via partisan politics. Work on undoing political harm rather than making more of it.

Lifelong values form from teaching the respect and responsibilities learned in firearm ownership by a free people.

NO to HB2510. No to taking away my Constitutional Rights.

Sincerely ,

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