

April 20, 2021

To All House Committee Members,

Ref: SB554

I am presenting to you my opposition to your proposal to further restrict the constitutional rights of Oregonians to keep and bear arms, as guaranteed in both the State Constitution and Constitution of the United States of America.

I want to remind you, which as fellow citizens of this state, elected by us, and given authority to govern by us, the authority you wield is granted only by the consent of the governed.

This means you represent us and are empowered to do our work to keep the state functioning and organized.

It must also be stated that your authority is constrained by the dictates and limitations defined by the constitution that we all live under.

The 2nd Amendment right OF THE PEOPLE to keep and bear arms is plainly written, it takes no extraordinary intelligence or interpretation to understand, and it can be argued, that it is the most important Amendment, due to the fact that a disarmed populace is at the mercy of the state which will always have arms to enforce its will.

I will remind you that, regardless of your personal wishes or preferences, you, your fellow legislators, the Governor, our State or US Supreme courts, by mere vote, DO NOT have the right or authority to negate or strip away the Stated Constitutional Right of a fellow citizen.

This country was NOT founded as a pure Democracy, where a simple majority can override the rights of the minority, but it is a Constitutional Republic, where our documents guarantee my rights as well as yours from mob rule.

I ask you today to do what you were sworn to do, that is to Preserve, Protect and Defend the constitution of Oregon and the United States of America.

Should you fail in exercising your sworn oath be assured that many others and I will take all legal action to remove you from your office and ensure you will not be re-elected for any political office in the future.

Respectfully submitted by,

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