

Chairman Prozanski, Rep Thatcher, and others,

I am speaking today to you in 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 am NOT here to argue this proposals specific merits, or try to convince you to modify this proposal to make it "more acceptable " to the Citizenry.

I am here to REMIND you, that 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. That means that YOU, are the servants, 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.

I MUST, at this time, mention that is it interesting to me, and I wonder how you justify the fact that YOU, "OUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES " find it necessary to conduct "THE PEOPLE'S BUSINESS" behind chain link barricades, in a locked down State house. Could it be that you fear that the citizens would remove you from office if they saw how you were conducting yourselves?

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, or even majority of citizens in the state or Country, 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 USA.

Thank you.