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I stand opposed to this bill and in support of the people of Oregon who have made firearms for personal use and protection. This is a bad bill because it doesn't address the issues of gun violence, only the ownership of a material object. There are millions of these firearms in the US, no telling how many in Oregon there are, and that means they are in common use as was ruled in *Gaetano v Massachusetts* making them legal to purchase, make and own and are unconstitutional to ban! There is no evidence that even supports a need for this bill, it's just a feel-good bill that solves, fixes or helps nothing. The problem here is not firearms, the problem is what makes people think it's ok to commit these crimes with firearms. It doesn't matter what laws you yoke your constituents with, if someone is going to commit a crime with a firearm, the last thing they will think about is what do you think about it or what law have you passed. This law won't stop them or anyone else from committing a violent act with a gun. Denying us the right to make and possess them, as the constitution dictates, we can, will not fix or prevent your idea of violence committed with a gun. If you wish to stop violence being committed with a gun you should look at the root of the problem and banning firearms isn't it.

Please pay attention to this, you swore an oath to uphold and protect the constitution and the constitution say in Section 18 of the Constitution of the United States "No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."<sup>1</sup> This means that no state can make laws that violate the Constitution of the United States. This bill violates the constitution because federal law and the constitution makes them legal to make, use and own!