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Here is why I oppose the House Bills: ·

I have owned and used guns for most of my 80 years of life but most importantly for near 20 years as a Deputy Sheriff in the Marion County Sheriff's office. Nearly half of this as a Detective working major crimes and did so in the early and through most of the 1980's when homicides were high as well as person felony crimes from Sex crimes to Robbery and burglaries where the criminal came to the scene of the crime and carried a gun of some sort.

I am stating here that in these crimes, of which have been nearly 30 involved homicides in my county and surrounding counties, as well as out of state, I am well versed on homicides having been directly involved in working these crimes. Most of the homicides were committed by a firearm being a hand guns. The unique common thing of these crimes was that the firearm used were illegal from being stolen in burglary and thefts committed against the legal gun owner as determined by the registered firearm records.

So, are you going to take away the guns of the criminal that you do not know if they even have one and how many? Taking them from a citizen is taking away a survival tool that many have and makes them equal to size and strength to overcome the corrupted mind of the criminal targeting them?

One of these cases was the well-known murders committed by the I-5 bandit aka I-5 Killer in the early 80's. This case was solved through a task force of about 40 working the case throughout 3 states, Oregon, Washington, and California. Not only were these case homicides but also sex crimes by the criminal banishing a handgun. The homicides in this case began in Portland Oregon where a firearm was used to murder a female and male and in this double homicide another firearm, (handgun) was stolen and then used here in Salem Oregon and seriously injured another young woman. He fled the area traveling to California and in the Shasta California area he committed a double homicide of a young mother and her young 12 year old daughter following a brutal rape of both one of which was a post mortem sodomy rape of the young daughter. From this crime scene he stole another hand gun and returned to California where he drove to Beaverton Oregon west of Portland Oregon and using that stolen gun he rapes and murders a young woman and going back down I-5 the throws the murder weapon into the McKenzie River North of Eugene. During this long crime spree the criminal committed numerous crimes of robbery and sex crimes banishing these hand guns.

So I ask you how much more of a chance could any of these victims have should they have a firearm of their own to protect themselves and one another. In the Salem homicide these two women were working at night to earn a living when the suspect came to where he knew there was two young victims of whom he took advantage of.

I am opposed to the taking the rights of the law-abiding citizens as this is not only a constitutional right but it is taking away self-protection of every one of whom becomes a target of a criminal who has sex, murder and or assault including a law abiding tax paying citizen on their mind.

The Government has already worked overtime in taking advantage of the Citizens of this State and Country and aided the law-breaking criminal with more than a majority of safety and normal life by such acts and de-funding the police abolishing stiff crime penalties and given the criminal the odds and kicking the honest citizen to the curb by your actions of one sided laws that always serve the criminal. Above is a few of the reasons I am against the passage of HB205, HB206-, HB207, I have witnessed the horror the blood and Guts and talked to the dying victims and the victim's survivors and also talked to the criminal. So, I think I know what is the better of the options you give us and I will oppose you to every step of the process and afterwards if need be. Do something right for once and educate the criminal that the Citizens have a right to own and possess firearms so if the criminal wants to chance it then suffer the consequences. You want more reasons why I oppose your House Bills, just ask me as I will be more than happy to educate you on what it is like to deal with facing the criminal who is cable of doing this horror and know that when you face that criminal, he or she may be carrying a firearm, and ready to use it on you. It is not the gun that kills, it is the criminal holding it, and Those Whom Took The Citizen's Right To Possess And Or Carry A Firearm For Their Protection.

As for "Ghost Guns", I never saw one on the street as they are only an imaginary object to give your attempt to further prevent firearms in the hands of the citizens and make them helpless against overreaching of the law. The only Ghosts you might see will be the Ghost of the dead because of your action of trying to take firearms away and or making it harder to possess. I am sure that every criminal will feel at ease going to their criminal intent knowing their target is not armed with any self-defense weapon. In the criminal homicides I have been involved in working none of the victims had an equal chance of protecting themselves as none have had a firearm on them when they died.

Regards,

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