

Good Morning Chairperson and members of the Committee.

I strongly oppose this measure. I was a lifelong member of the Democratic Party until last year. Now the energies of the party are repeatedly focused on ill-conceived activities like this which are unconstitutional, doomed to fail, and will only further divide the citizens. I do agree we need sensible gun legislation, but this is not it. The perception here is that Oregon Legislators are stuffing their pockets with fistfuls of east coast cash, and not listening to the people who voted for you. There are now more Independents registered in Oregon than Democrats. I believe that the current gut and stuff approach, the last-minute announcements to limit citizen input, and name-calling will only further damage the party's reputation and continue to prevent real work from getting done.

I have actually heard it said that as long as Trump is in play, the Democrats are untouchable. The big bad trumpasarus is rapidly moving in the direction of its namesake, extinct. I voted for a split ticket in the last election. I respectfully suggest someone there actually talk to all of the people in Oregon about the issues, not just downtown Portland. This issue is too important to have stalled in a continual cycle of poorly written antagonistic laws that weaken the party in both real numbers and in the perception of residents.

Please listen to all the residents, families, and business owners here in Oregon. With support, future elections will hopefully be more decisive than the current 47 percent win by our Governor, and everything won't need to be an emergency order.

Oregon's citizens are not your opponents. We are your constituents. Please represent all of us.

Thank you