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As law abiding citizens are increasingly threatened by non-enforcement of laws and failure to prosecute violent criminal activity, it is unconscionable for any legislator who has taken the time to inform themselves of the current statistics in our state, to do anything but vigorously oppose this bill. Erosion of our 2nd Amendment rights poses a danger to the safety of our families and neighbors while empowering those who would prey upon peaceful, law-abiding citizens. Our once safe and peaceful state is being over run by vagrants, drug addicts, criminals and mentally ill persons who often use physical force on their innocent victims. I challenge each of the legislators to take a walk through Portland's homeless encampments which are located in residential neighborhoods before considering to vote on this measure. Many of us cannot freely move about our suburban city centers or go to a mall without risking victimization. Not everyone needs or should have a gun, but those who do so legally, and peacefully should not be obstructed in their ability to obtain a firearm for the purpose of recreation or to assure their personal safety. The poorly considered dismantling of our mental health care delivery system and lack of law enforcement are overwhelmingly the reasons for violent gun offenses. Legislating against the constitutional rights of law abiding citizens is a misplaced objective.

Thank you

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