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The Militia. It is encoded in the Constitution that the People are the militia. Which means that the People need to be armed, need to be able to train in a group setting, need to be able to be called upon to defend their communities. Claiming "paramilitary" activity should be illegal because we have the National Guard (which cannot be the militia, as it is part of the standing federal military) goes against everything the Constitution, the Framers of the Constitution and what America is supposed to stand for. The Oregon legislature sure seems to be hell bent on making criminals out of patriots, law abiding citizens that believe the Constitution still means something. You should all be ashamed to call yourselves "Representatives of the People", should render your resignations and let real patriotic Americans do the job for the citizens of this state that you refuse to do and uphold the Constitution as your oath of office has indicated you would do. The blatant infringements upon the Constitutional Rights of a free people cannot continue. Tyranny in all forms is what the Constitution intended to abolish, but, you all think we are t paying attention and you can get away with it because the largest block of voters live in the I5 corridor. Portland, Salem and Eugene do not constitute the entire state. There are other constituents to represent and you are failing to do that.

[&]quot;A free people ought not only to be armed but disciplined; to which end a Uniform and well digested plan is requisite: And their safety and interest require that they should promote such manufactories, as tend to render them independent on others, for essential, particularly for military supplies."

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