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My son has a wonderful wilderness skills class at his school. In this class they practice primitive living skills such as friction fire and later they will be going on a fishing trip. The kids aren't allowed to use knives, which is unfortunate because it would be a controlled environment for them to learn to use them safely, and reading this bill it is my understanding that their wonderful teacher may be a criminal for using an appropriate knife to teach this class.

Portland got rid of their gun violence task force and their gang enforcement unit. Portland also stopped prosecuting violent criminals and hopped on the bandwagon of demonizing our law enforcement officers. Add to this mix the legalization of drugs and you have done about everything possible to create violence.

Now the same people who advocated for the steps that created this mess of violence are using the situation to blame innocent people and strip them of their ability to protect themselves or even use basic tools.

With a misguided sense of kindness violence has been promoted, public defense has been denied and now self defense is being attacked.

It makes no sense to me that a retired police officer should have more right to self defense in a school than a teacher who currently works in that school does. Not a matter of training or background checks or permitting, just simply that a person retired from one profession has more value than other people.

As for restricting the rights of 18 year olds, how do we propose to allow or even require them to use guns for our defense that they are denied for their own defense?

There is a supremacy of the state over individuals in all of this proposed legislation, but it is a failure of the state that brought us to the point that this legislation has support. This is all a big step toward totalitarianism and it will do nothing positive for public safety.