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I strongly support House Bill 2175, which targets pill presses and similar equipment used to churn out deadly counterfeit drugs. This bill tackles a real threat—illegal drug production—without wasting time infringing on Second Amendment rights.

Oregon's overdose crisis is dire: over 1,000 opioid deaths in 2022 (ODH data), many tied to fake pills laced with fentanyl. HB 2175 makes possessing or selling tools like tableting machines a Class C felony, up to 5 years and \$125,000, hitting manufacturers where it hurts. The DEA's 2023 seizures of lethal-dose pills show we need this focus now.

Too many bills—like SB 697 or SB 698—obsess over gun restrictions, harassing law-abiding 2A citizens with no clear safety gain. FBI stats (2022) show concealed carriers commit under 1% of crimes, yet lawmakers keep targeting them. HB 2175 shifts gears to a proven killer: drugs. It spares legit users via ORS 475.125 registration, keeping the scope tight.

Pass HB 2175. Stop wasting energy on 2A and zero in on drug lords poisoning our communities. This is the fight that saves lives.