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My great, great, great grandfather was instrumental in the founding of the Oregon Territory. He was on the second wagon train to Oregon and helped establish what is now Champoeg State Park. His name was David Weston. He helped form the first militia to fight against involuntary servitude of the Chinook Indians from English rule...He used the weapons of the military of his day to fight against authoritarianism. I myself have served in the Oregon Army National Guard with deployment to Hurricane Katrina, as well as two Active Duty deployments as a Medic to Iraq. I have seen what authoritarian governments do to their constituents if there is not a means to keep them safe. Firearms are a tool if used in a legal and safe manner to defend the civilian populous from tyranny. The government should not have weapons that the civilians cannot own. That's the way Oregon laws used to be. The Second Amendment was written to defend against a tyrannical government and for self defense. My family bloodline has sacrificed so much for the freedom of Oregonians that it would be a dishonor to their legacy to not speak up about this unjust bill....I respectfully request this bill not become law and for law abiding Oregonians to retain the same rights to firearms as law enforcement and military.