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As someone who have been voting Democratic for decades, I think this whole "gun control" push in the last few years is a terrible idea. Having the local police/sheriff departments administrate the permitting process will likely lead to unexplained delays or denials if they don't like your political views, the way you look, etc. Even if you don't have anything on your record that would prevent you from owning a firearm. We already have a robust background check process that is currently administrated by the Oregon State Police. It already goes beyond what many states are doing and is frequently subject to delays due to lack of adequate staffing. This just adds an unnecessary barrier for law abiding firearm owners while doing nothing of substance to address gun related injuries/deaths. None of the legitimately violent criminals who want to get their hands on firearms are going to go through this permitting process. The other thing that bothers me is that active and retired LEO are exempt from the permitting system. Why? What makes them so special that they should be exempt from the permitting system? They are civilians too. If we are going to go through with this messed up permitting system, they should be subject to it as well.