To the Senate and Judiciary Committee, I strongly urge you not to pass SB897 This bill creating the crime of "militia terrorism," will make people afraid to peacefully gather with family and friends for any type of camping, hunting, or shooting event, which may involve guns.

A law like this is why people in communist countries want to leave and come to America. We have a legal right to assemble, and a legal right to open carry in Oregon, so why do we need this law? The "catch," word seems to be "terrorism!, by whose definition? A recent court room quote from a Federal judge, "if an officer can see your firearm, it's an assault!" Our world is upside down. The words Militia and Constitution, that originated to protect us from our government, are now used as "dirty," words to demonize and control us. "Toto I have a feeling were not in Kansas anymore!"

Sincerely, Marlene Robbins Gresham, Oregon