

This bill is a disaster AND a recipe for disaster. The ONLY thing this bill does is to illicitly and unconstitutionally target those who believe in the Constitution and Bill of Rights, especially the Second and the Fourth Amendments, because it seeks to criminalize law-abiding citizens and the guns they own and/or purchase.

"Shall not be infringed". What do those words mean? Our Founding Fathers fully intended that every citizen be armed; in fact, the entire reason we have the Bill of Rights, which includes the Second Amendment and "the right to keep and bear arms", is because those attending the Constitutional Convention would not sign the Constitution without including a specific statement regarding rights. "Shall not be infringed" means no obstacles, no hindrance to buying, having, using arms. Period. But EVERYTHING about this bill is just that ... an infringement. Period.

Thomas Jefferson said that no free man should ever be barred from owning firearms. He didn't specify any time, just the generic term "arms". No limits. And yet, the Democrats--no, they're no longer Democrats, they're Socialists and Communists--are attempting to bar law-abiding citizens from either being "armed", being able to have them readily available, even being able to afford them, needing an expensive government permit to exercise a God-given right.

Guns don't kill. They're inanimate objects. Banning law-abiding citizens from having and using "arms" because a criminal used one in a robbery is like taking cars, vans, trucks from everybody else because one drunk/impaired driver killed somebody. It makes no sense and is illogical. How about banning doctors and hospitals? More people are hurt by faulty medical decisions than are killed by guns. People die in aircraft accidents ... ban planes! People are killed by hammers, crowbars, baseball bats, screwdrivers ... will they be banned? Somebody steals my car, then commits a crime with it ... am I responsible? No rational person would hold me responsible for the crime or the criminal, yet under this law, if somebody steals my gun, I'm somehow responsible. Is there a law requiring my car be locked? No, yet if my gun isn't locked up and inaccessible, I'm guilty. There's no logic in any of that ... or in any other part of this bill. This is all an attempt to disarm citizens, confiscate guns, render them unusable and render the Second Amendment null and void ... every last word is unconstitutional.

Those members of Oregon house and senate who are seeking to pass this law--Prozanski, Kotek, et al.--should be ashamed of themselves; instead of going after REAL criminals, they're trying to create a new class of criminals: the criminalized law-abiding citizen. Without having done anything wrong, they've become a criminal simply because the Democrats aka Socialists and Communists who hold power in the State of Oregon pass unconstitutional laws because they don't like guns.

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