

Dear Legislators:

I live in Klamath Falls and strongly object to some or all of the provisions of this wide ranging bill.

How do we comply with the mandatory storage as we camp while hunting. I don't want my gun unusable just because it's not right with me, sometimes I leave my camper to use the bathroom...so I have to lock it or disable it, that's unrealistic. People know better than to come into a hunting camp looking for guns, and the children with whom we have hunted knew that guns were not to be touched, and in 50 years of hunting, much of that with kids, mine and others, I do not recall a single time when a child had to even be reminded. Our children had access to a gun that they could shoot with supervision in early grade school. Guns have been a normal part of our lifestyle.

My children, and many of their friends were 'jack rabbit' and 'ground squirrel hunting at junior high age, they had their hunter safety certificates and were allowed to go hunting when they had the time and the place arranged to hunt. WE should not allow the irresponsible actions of a few to limit the enjoyment of many youngsters in rural areas.

Gun Free zones are a bit of a joke. Many folks have to go through a school zone or by other public places that are gun free just to go hunting. No I don't think just anyone should have a gun at a school, but since most rural communities have schools on the major roads, and the major roads are how we get places the system doesn't work well for those of us who want to follow the rules. It may well work for those who live in urbanized areas, but the laws you pass have to work for everyone. I know your life style is important to you, but so is my outdoor lifestyle important to me and I shouldn't have to change to accommodate yours.

Our children are citizens of the United States of America. They have the same rights under the constitution that each of us have. Summarily restricting their Second Ammendment rights should not be condoned by our elected officials or anyone else.

Whatever fee you charge for a Concealed Handgun License will not deter anyone I know from carrying. I work in rural areas where my safety is challenged. I need the protection, so I carry when necessary. The folks who are causing the trouble do not care about any law that you pass. They will still carry at will, until we find a way to get their attention. And if they can't find any guns, they'll use knives or sticks or rocks, or cars all of which can be a lethal weapon.

I really think what you are doing is backwards. Next you should make having alcohol on the shelf, where minors or others can get it and limit to who and how much a bar can sell. But it is a fact that most folks who drink, do so in moderation, quietly and do not offend most others. So too, most gun owners, hunters, sportsmen, collectors do so quietly and do not offend most others. We know and observe the laws and do not cause others much harm. When you make gun ownership onerous, you will move many folks into the underground with other's who do not obey the law, or move them on to other states where they will take their income producing ability and their ability to pay taxes.

Sincerely

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