

Our Founding Fathers enshrined the right to keep and bear arms in our nation's Constitution. Throughout our history, we have seen the importance of the Second Amendment for people to make a living, to provide for their families, and to protect their life and liberty. If this bill were to become law, many hundreds of thousands of law-abiding gun owners could suddenly be subject to state and perhaps even federal prosecution. Of course, we all know that criminals are going to do what they already do: make illegal transfers of firearms. So, this won't make any difference in cutting down on crime.

What this bill does do is violate the Constitutional rights of ALL Oregonians who are, first and foremost, American citizens, it completely ignores the mental health crisis behind actions of mass violence, and it fundamentally limits the Constitutional rights of all of us responsible gun owners who proudly own guns for sport, work, and protection. The Oregon legislature should not and cannot limit the rights of the it's citizenry in the name of politics.

Those of you who would seek to bow to public opinion as the ultimate decision-maker would lead us down that slippery path to tyranny. Are you really that naive? Can you not look at history and see how easily the masses have repeatedly been manipulated and have played? All one has to do is read a concise history of how the Nazi Party used gun control to "cleanse" and "control"; first, their own nation, and then the nations they proceeded to invade and conquer.

Did you know that in 1941, just days before the Pearl Harbor attack, Congress reaffirmed Second Amendment rights and prohibited gun registration? Look how easily public opinion has been swayed in just 74 years! So do you really want some rigged and emotionally driven public opinion polls to determine your freedoms and the right to protect yourself, home, and country? Due to the proclivity of sheep to be easily led to the slaughter, how could you trust those opinions? Based on the near ignorance of important issues by the populace in this country, public opinion polls is a ridiculous way to govern! The Constitution is the best -- and only -- method by which we can maintain our freedoms. The freedoms that were given to us by God should not be subject to the whims and impulses of the guileless masses.

"The constitution shall never be construed...to prevent the people of the United States who are peaceable citizens from keeping their own arms."

— **Alexander Hamilton**

"[The Constitution preserves] the advantage of being armed which Americans possess over the people of almost every other nation (where) the governments are afraid to trust the people with arms."

— **James Madison**

Stop this insanity! Stop this infringement of OUR Constitutional rights.

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