

The provisions of this amendment (SB 978- 1) will do absolutely nothing to prevent criminals from using firearms to commit crimes. Or to prevent those with terrorist intent from committing mass murder. They will only serve to criminalize law abiding firearms owners in our State. If your intention is to eventually eliminate legal ownership of firearms by the responsible firearm owning citizens of Oregon then by all means pass this bill and the "-1" amendment with all of it's ridiculous provisions and requirements.

Oregon does not have an emergency situation that requires a law such as this. It simply opens the door to even more draconian measures such as limiting ammunition purchases, restricting magazine capacity, and declaring nearly all firearms to be assault weapons (definition unknown) and then banning them. All of which are mere window dressing that will have no effect on preventing crime and will do nothing to prevent criminals from using firearms. At present, Oregon has a sensible set of laws governing firearms and are obeyed by nearly everyone except those with criminal intent. Laws that make criminals out of law abiding Oregonians is not acceptable. Let's continue to support our law enforcement agencies as they enforce the laws we now have and if new laws are required then let the citizens at least have some say as to what is required by allowing a public vote.

Declaring an emergency is simply a way to keep the citizens of Oregon from having a chance to vote on this type of legislation and is antithetical to our rights as citizens.

This movement to ultimately eliminate the 2nd Amendment rights of law abiding Oregon citizens is frightening. I believe it will cause many long-time residents to leave this State. As a 4th generation Oregonian who is retired and participates weekly in shooting sports at various gun clubs in the State I am seriously considering this option based on the outcome of this legislative movement to criminalize the law abiding firearms owners of the State of Oregon.

Sincerely,
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