

Let me start by thanking you for your commitment to serve in public office. It takes a special person to recognize a need and stand up to bear the weight of representing peoples interests. Lots of responsibility and accountability lies on your shoulders, and I can appreciate that, having served myself in the United States Marine Corps.

I have spent a great deal of time reading, researching, and pondering each of the bills introduced in the 2019 session. For a large part, I feel like they all add layers of legislation that impede on the law abiding citizens' right to protection. They are unconstitutional at their core, and unenforceable. Several laws like them have been enacted in neighboring sates, and have had little effect at curbing gun violence. The bill proposed today serves only to penalize and criminalize the gun owners in Oregon. This bill also put us at odds with law enforcement, whose job it would be to enforce the law, even as they morally disagree with it. I understand the intent is to curb the problem of gun violence, but this bill is clumsily thrown together, poorly worded, and typical of the far-left.

I am a proud Oregonian since moving here in 2006. I feel the state has lost it's way though in recent years. Becoming a democratic echo chamber of liberal ideals and far-left talking points, that is bankrupting the state and squandering taxpayer dollars. Now we are faced with a bill that attacks our very right to self defense. This language "...shall not be infringed" should be at the forefront of your conscience as you consider such bills.

I thank you for your time, and truly do respect your position of leadership. I hope that you will take the time to carefully consider the implications of the proposed bills listed above. I pray that you make wise decisions, and that you continue to lead with dignity and honor in your respective offices. There are great deal of people counting on you.

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