

I encourage you to vote NO on this legislation. My reasoning is simple. The Second Amendment provides for us to be allowed to bear arms. Bear (carry, bring, transport, move, convey, take, lug, haul, etc). Restricting use by locking these up will not provide the safety for which they were intended.

With all the theft and drug related crimes happening today, I encourage you to allow us to protect ourselves. Split second timing will make all the difference between life and death with self defense. Having your firearm locked up will not provide me my inalienable 2nd amendment right to bear arms.

Amendment II

A well-regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, *shall not be infringed.*

Please vote NO.

Thank-you

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Dear Sirs and Madams,

I would like to start this letter off reminding you of "District of Columbia v. Heller", 554 U.S. 570 (2008),^[1] in that it is a landmark case in which the Supreme Court of the United States held that the Second Amendment protects an individual's right to possess a firearm, unconnected with service in a militia, for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self-defense within the home, and that the District of Columbia's handgun ban and requirement that lawfully-owned rifles and shotguns be kept "unloaded and disassembled or bound by a trigger lock" violated this guarantee.

If the SCOTUS applied this to DC, then the decision stands as stated for all States within this Great Union. As a recent example, this very same case was cited in California, rendering Null & Void magazine restrictions.

I feel it is necessary to write on this concern that I have about current proposed "gun control" legislation. I am a well behaved citizen of Oregon. Gun enthusiasts and firearms advocates like myself number in the 100's of thousands in Oregon. We are consistently on the forefront introducing and advocating for firearms safety at city, county, state and the national level. The gun regulations proposed to limit ammo purchases and to ban certain features of firearms would appear by design to turn ordinary, well behaved civilians, including me into a criminal. I own and legally use firearms. No individual that owns a firearm should be criminalized for being constitutionally compliant and in legal possession of firearms or property.

At this point of time, the actions taken by Oregon State legislators that have been introducing, supporting and voting in favor of "gun control" legislation are breaking the law. The United States of America is a sovereign nation. This is a fact supported by the Declaration of Independence. The US Constitution sets up the federal government. The Bill of Rights lists rights that belong to the people or to the states. The second amendment, or the right of the people to keep and bear arms is the people's right. No where in the second amendment does the government have the privilege or the legal ability to limit or prevent people from owning arms. And arms in definition include cutlery such as knives, firearms and munitions. The second amendment is clear that the people's right shall not be infringed. Limiting munitions and restricting ownership based on a feature of the firearm is an infringement. An infringement is defined as breaking the law or an agreement. The second amendment is the federal government's agreement to not diminish or take away the right of the people to have arms. The tenth amendment that reads "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people." keeps not only the federal government restrained but state and local governments are also included and the people are restricted from taking action also.

Firearms and the people's right to keep the them are undeniably important to keep. The people have this important right for the protection of themselves against unfair and illegal actions from their own or other governments and also gives the people a tool to protect and support their own government, the sovereign land of their nation and the neighborhoods they inhabit should it come under attack by forces foreign or domestic. Citizens should not be deprived of the right to keep and bear arms as it is but just one very important aspect to a very healthy and complete liberty that all people deserve.

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