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I firmly oppose any laws that remove my ability to govern myself and my property.

Our second amendment rights are in place to make sure that we the people have the means to overturn a tyrannical government should we need to. This attempt to control the storage, the amount, and vilify owners like myself is such an overreach you should all be ashamed that you are even considering this. While we are also trying to say 16 year olds can vote, you are trying to remove the ability of actual adults from picking their own means of protection and safety. While these Bill's say they will make us safer you are taking away my ability to choose how I protect myself.

In many other states you have the opposite approach of removing the concealed weapons tax and allowing their citizens to protect themselves without demanding a permission slip.

At the age of 18 I bought myself a rifle better known as a Bushmaster XM15 you'd refer to it as an assault rifle, the firearm itself has no brain, no free will and has harmed no one in all 10 years of its ownership. Stop vilifying a tool that I see necessary to own and protect myself.

There are bad people in this world, making a new law to demonize me and make good people outlaws will only create bigger problems. Driving a divide through this state may be your intention but it will surely fail. The only question is when it will fail. Now in the legislature or later when you've made everyone defenceless and criminals and tyrannical governments get the upper hand.

This is also no emergency. You've been attempting this for 3 years, with almost identical wording. My fellow oregonians (roughly 4,000) and I gathered outside your doors on 3/21. No shots were fired, no damage done. If we the citizen gun owners of this state were the problem surely you'd know it.

There are good people in Oregon, you may not see it but they are free people who will not stand for this intrusion. I advise you to start recognizing all oregonians not just your favored political party.

We cannot strip the rights of oregonians or Americans to arm themselves the way they see fit. This definitely qualifies as an infringement on our ability to do so.

There are many other avenues to fix the problems you are percieving.gun free zones(remove them). Firearm safety and understanding it's a tool, but it must be respected. Trust that your citizens are inherently good people and let them be free stop trying to steal their rights every chance you get.

But most of all, kill this bill.

Thank you for listening,
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