

Senators,

Have you considered that if HB4005 is enacted into law, that because of it's stiff fines and judicial punishment, people will not report their firearms stolen? This alone should concern you more than the thought of any other law you are attempting to pass. This bill, if placed into law, will not curb gun violence, it will increase the potential for stolen firearms to go unreported, this will place more weapon's on the streets and in the very hands you are trying to keep from getting firearms!!!

Any law that the people refuse to follow is a bad law! It creates outlaws and criminals out of hard working, honest, voting people who believe in their constitutional rights.

I don't understand that the words "shall not be infringed" is not understood by the democratic party. The words shall not be infringed mean "without exception". Regardless of the reason, and there is no justifiable reason to punish law abiding citizens, the constitution is specific, black and white, cut into stone and is "not a living document" in it's meaning of "shall not be infringed"! We have a problem in our legislation here, not only in Oregon but throughout the nation, with understanding the words and meaning of the constitution. When a Oregon senator, upon hearing a bill was killed, shouts out in her office "over my dead body" only proves there is a serious disregard for the constitution and she should have stepped down immediately from her office. As Nancy Pelosi, Chuck Shumer, Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden publicly announced in front of the nation that "the constitution is the law of the land" and "no one is above the law" anyone who makes exceptions to a right that says "shall not be infringed" is not just violating their sworn oath to "the law of the land" but violating the very "law of the land" itself, therefore, should be held accountable and removed from office! You are not above the law!

The constitution may give states the right to govern themselves, but doesn't give the states the right to denigrate the people's rights guaranteed to us under the constitution of the United States of America.

You will not get my support until you stop trying to solve the problem by fixing the result! The problem is not the gun but a societal issue where people think this is okay to commit these horrendous crimes, and until you fix that, violence will continue, regardless of tool of choice. You may take away one tool from an evil hearted person but it will be replaced by another, as witnessed in England. The progressive government of England took firearms out of the hands of the people thinking the evil would go with it. It only caused evil people to change tools and use knives to commit more murders in London than in New York City in 2019.

In the top ten deadliest cities in this nation there are three things that tie them together...1. They all have the toughest "common sense gun laws" in the nation. 2. Evil minded criminals with illegally obtained weapons are killing innocent men women and children that have no way of protecting themselves and 3. They are all run by democrats! We all see the problem why can't you? In fact, democratic senators continue

to reinvent the same broken laws that are killing innocent men, women and children across this nation and American's continue to die in large numbers because of them. Common sense gun laws are killing and hurting people across this nation, that defies common sense!

You either support the constitution or you don't! You must support all of the constitution or none of it because you cannot pick and choose which amendment you like and don't like, which amendment you will follow and which one you will completely ignore, or even attempt to strip from the people of their constitutional rights. It's all or nothing, picking and choosing what you as a person or an elected body are going to support or ignore is unconstitutional, and that's unAmerican!

Please give serious consideration to what we are saying, we are not the problem, we are not the enemy, stop making us pay the price! Choose wisely because we are watching and we'll only take so much. That is the American way!

Sincerely,
Jerry Cumiford