

I would like to give testimony as to why this bill should not be passed.

1. It's illegal. The second amendment gives us the right to keep and bear arms. You can't very well protect yourself from invaders into your home if the guns are all locked up.

2. I grew up in Portland, Oregon. The only exposure to guns was shooting an old pistol at targets. My Dad had other guns, but he educated us and forbid us from ever touching them. My Dad was stern enough we never even thought about doing anything with them. Education is the key. You can also put pistols up and away from little hands. There were 5 girls in our family and none of us ever thought about getting them because Dad took the mystery out of it.

3. I started shooting and hunting with high powered rifles, shotguns and pistols when I was 18. I had met my husband who was an avid gun person and hunter. He served on the National Rifle Team in the army for 8 years. I found that I loved all of it. I am 68 now and my husband is 75. Everyone we know and ourselves use guns. No one has ever had an accident or been involved in any violence.

So why do you want to make us the criminals and let the bad guys carry. They will not be locking up their guns and will continue to smuggle guns in. So are you willing to lock up half of the state and take away everything we have, loose our homes because you are paranoid? This bill will not stop any bad people from stealing gunships. Try making penalties stricter for the bad people and then enforcing them!

4. I am now 100% handicapped. I can't sleep in a bed. (broke my back in 2010) it is a long way to anything in our house that I could get to protect myself. I now have a pistol that is in a secret place that I can get to without getting up. It is not in view, so children can not get to it, but it gives me a lot of comfort having a way to protect myself. You want to take that protection away. Shame on you!

5. What makes you think that it is right to charge the gun owner if a gun is stolen from him? That's insane!

6. Anyone that truly wants to get a gun and hurt someone will find a way.

7. Think about this. This bill isn't about protecting kids, people or gun safety. It is about GUN CONTROL! All gun people (even those who don't own a gun) know that this is about gun control. Don't pass this bill!

Think about something you dearly love to do or collect. Then think about people deciding that we want to take that something away from you. It will be ok that bad people can get it, but you can't or you will go to jail and pay a fine.

You need to be punishing the bad people by having stiffer consequences and making them stay in jail. The criminals have more rights than we do. Yet our governor keeps releasing them from prison. What kind of a message does that send? If the criminals break the law, they need to be put in prison for the full term. Everyone wants to scream human rights. What about the rights of the people a bad person hurt, killed or robbed. Why punish the honest person? I have a sister that was murdered when she was about 28. Now her killer walks free. What about her rights.

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