

Time is precious to me. As a land surveyor I am busy helping folks rebuild their lives after the Santiam Fire. Yet I must now take precious time to fight back against your harassment of law-abiding citizens. I live in a rural place. Even in an emergency, law enforcement would not be there for an hour. When predators stalk my animals, I do not have time to unlock my firearms. I have legitimate needs to keep firearms at the ready for protection of my family and property.

And you want to punish me if someone steals my firearms? Why don't you spend your time helping and protecting your law-abiding citizens? What should I expect, though, from a State that has a Department of Forestry that has an employee who says, "we are not doing anything about this fire until it is within five miles of town"? Never mind, rural folks and goodhearted construction company owners fought the fire themselves. We don't ask much, except leave us alone.

You can't burn us out and you can't make us run, but we might just leave on our own and let the rest of you to turn on each other when you have no one else to bully. Fires, ice storms, pandemic, unemployment, businesses in ruin, don't you have anything better to do than punishing the innocent and aiding the guilty to spend your time on? I oppose HB 2510.