

I am speaking for many immigrants to the USA residing in Oregon. We are very opposed to the bill and request no votes on it. Many of us come from countries where we have experienced and witnessed violence to our families and communities. I have followed the gun control vs gun rights in the US and there are many studies that purport to support each side. Research has shown that gun violence is not about keeping guns from being used in the hands of responsible citizens but about criminals using guns. In our countries of origin history has proven that gun control by government is the first stage of exposing citizens to violence and also controlling those who are just wanting to live productive and respectful lives. We are seeing it happening here in the USA. You as Govt officials can say it is for our own good, it will make our streets and children safer. When one looks at gun crimes/violence in Oregon it is primarily in Portland, where the Police are being thrown under the bus, the DA will not prosecute crime and segments of the population use it as a way to claim oppression. Being a person of color I often wonder if this argument is simply to have control over others. And make no mistake this bill leads Oregon down the path of more control and as we have experienced, once you disarm your citizens the real violence creeps in, and it is not from your average citizens who take gun responsibility seriously. We realize we are just one voice in this state that we have adopted as our home and are very dismayed to see such corrupt misleading governance. Do not turn this beautiful state into one of control by those that fund your campaigns and have the loudest twitter. There are MANY of us, and we oppose this, as we will in the future oppose those that vote for this.