

People's Representatives: RE: SB 544 with amendments (and any other and all similar proposals)

There is not an "Emergency" in this state with respect to the circumstances this proposed legislation attempts to address. The reason there is no emergency is because this proposal does nothing to address the small, discrete, and readily identifiable group of individuals that are involved in the majority of illegal and violent acts involving the use of a firearm (note that I have not used the manufactured terminology aka "Gun Violence", nor will I use other manufactured terminology, such as Assault Weapon, Cop Killer bullet, Gun show loop hole, Saturday night Special, Cop Killer Bullet, Bullet proof vest, and so on!).

Please end the insane act of continuing to regulate the responsible citizen, who is not the problem. This approach has been tried for at least a century (20,000 gun laws at all levels of government?) and yet the illusive and ill-defined and shifting goal of public safety has not been achieved. At some point, the rational person will understand and accept that people with evil intent have existed since the dawn of civilization and will continue to exist into the future. The only way to eliminate their evil acts is to reform their motives, and remove them from society as their acts would dictate.

Therefore, I offer the following:

- Identify and target the offending individuals and groups.
- Leave the responsible citizen alone, they are not the problem.
- Review all the Oregon regulations related to possession and use of weapons, beginning with protections stated in our State Constitution (no ideological bias allowed here).
- Repeal all laws/regulations that conflict with the full and free exercise of the citizen's right to arms of any kind and at any place.
- Incentivize the following:
  - Acquisition and possession of arms by the individual
  - Storage of arms
  - Training in the use of arms
  - Participation in competitive events involving arms
  - Establishment of suitable facilities

**IMPORTANT:** Plenty of laws already exist regulating the acquisition, possession, and use of arms, ENFORCE these laws, and their penalties, to their full letter and intent, and without exception!! Make the penalties for reoffenders especially harsh. I would be happy to increase my tax burden to expand our incarceration facilities and capacity, and to re-establish our historic institutions to treat and house those individuals with mental difficulties.

I urge you, in the strongest terms possible, to not continue with the "knee jerk"- "common sense" approach to a claimed desire to improve public safety. If the thousands of laws regulating the citizens access and use of arms are still not adequate, "common sense" tells me that enacting more laws and regulations of the same nature is a "Fools Errand" and a classic act of insanity.

I am a lifelong Oregon resident, and have yet to receive my first traffic citation. I do not need or want any more regulations which try to tell me how to act responsibly!

Thank you,  
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