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Testimony on SB 554 -20A

We have now abandoned all pretense that 554 and related bills are intended to address problems.

Since the Biden/Harris take over we have seen an almost daily incidence of multiple shootings likely fueled by the mental illness unleashed by the demented lock down policies of Democrat “leaders”. Those same “leaders” are determined to make sure the lunacy incited by their actions can never be responded to by the law abiding.

These bills, targeted as they are at the one demographic that are notoriously respectful of the law, are not the result of a desire to reduce violence. They are clearly and obviously the manifestation of a blind and mindless hatred by the sponsors, fueled by their own long lingering pathologies.

While we continue to be subject to an endless stream of heart wrenching stories from the supporters of this legislation, we are never burdened with anything that resembles truth or logic.

Mandating gun locks will not prevent their use in situations of domestic violence. But they sure will make it a lot harder for a woman to protect herself from an abuser.

As the sponsors of this bill well know, the largest single demographic for suicide in Oregon is older, rural, white men.

It's fairly safe to assume that those people would have the ability, experience, and knowledge, gained over their many years of life, to unlock *their own guns*. And while the stories of young people taking their lives with firearms are heart breaking, so was the story from my town of a teenager who posted a message on his Facebook page that he "liked trains" and then stepped in front of one. Having a son who is a paramedic in my town, I can assure Rep Grayber that she would not have preferred cleaning up that situation, with or without her firetruck.

The lock up provisions of the bill would prevent a single mom from having a firearm available to her and her 17 year old daughter, in spite of testimony by the drafter of the bill saying it would not. The -20 amendment clearly states :

"That the owner or possessor of the firearm is in the person's own residence, either alone or with only authorized persons who also live in the residence and who are not minors, and the residence is secure."

So, once again, we see the same crowd of leftist, nanny state, busybodies who always rant about the injustices faced by women, work overtime to ensure that women are left defenseless. Thank you woke warriors.

While the supporters and sponsors of this legislation work feverishly to guarantee that good people are deprived of the ability to protect themselves, their families and others, they labor tirelessly to protect criminals, both the garden variety rapists, thieves, and killers, *and* the new class of rioters and looters who seem to have found so much favor with elected Democrats. Hell, some of them *work* for elected Democrats.

These bills have one objective. To render helpless the people who work, contribute and obey the law, while doing everything possible to protect the thugs who have taken over our cities.

Yes, those black clad peaceful protesters will destroy your vegan, woman-owned bakery. They will vandalize your inclusive church, smash the windows of your Boys and Girls Club and spray paint your Historical Society. But that's a small price to pay to end systemic racism, white supremacy and stuff.

While Oregon Democrats do the bidding of a few dozen "moms", who, while perennially deprived of "action," have no shortage of funding from New York billionaires, and the geldings who associate with them, Democrat controlled cities in Oregon have descended into chaotic garbage heaps rivaled only by Mogadishu.

And that was the plan all along. If decent people are allowed to protect themselves and their loved ones from the blood thirsty mobs the Democrats have spawned, the dream of the workers paradise will be delayed. Maybe long enough for some of them to actually have to work.

The secret backroom deal that brought us the latest incarnation of 554, while an excellent effort to demonize good people and place them at even greater risk, still did not do enough damage to satisfy Oregon's most pathological despisers of liberty and common sense, Senators Burdick and Prozanski. More must be done to crush the people. Back to the drawing board.