

It is absolutely ludicrous that our representatives seek to make felons out of an entire segment of Oregonians (Concealed Permit Holders) that have been more vetted, and have had more background checks than those proposing this type of legislation. Concealed permit holders have prevented more crime in this state than the writers hope to accomplish with this law. And what is the "crime wave"? How many concealed weapons holders have committed crimes in the state of Oregon that supposedly necessitates this legislation? According to recent statistics conceal weapons holders have committed 0.0074% of all felonies in Oregon. For perspective, Oregonians were 125 times more likely to die in a house fire that same year and 4 times more likely to get struck by a meteor than to be a victim of a felony committed by someone who is a concealed permit holder. So, to suggest that these people are such a danger to society that they must be made felons for simply driving by the courthouse, or schoolhouse, or walking by certain buildings with their legally concealed firearm, is utterly absurd, defies logic, and insults common sense.