

It never amaze's me at the lack of public opinion "input" into proposed Bills presented for consideration by various committees, without those "committees," ever holding a public hearing in our smaller communities Yet we are the individual Citizens who are impacted the most by this proposed Bill, more so then those living in Salem, yet it is easy for them to attend the public hearings in favor of the Bill, but extremely difficult for those of us to travel across the State to be heard in opposition to this "GUN CONTROL BILL." HB 2542 can be considered such a bill. Most firearms purchased in the State are by those of us who reside in small rural communities in our State, we are also those citizens who have the least access to fast response from law enforcement agencies, based on distance, and who in many case's are threatened by cougars, coyotes and human predators.

My concern is for all of us, but includes, even more so, those moving into our smaller communitis from California, New York and other Democrat controlled States where many good citizens are denied legal access to guns while living and working in those States and who may find that they are in desperate need of purchasing a firearm after moving here. The need to own a gun would be based on common predators who live around us and threaten harm and possible death to our citizens as they relocate here, unarmed and yet in need of owning a gun for the sole purpose of protecting their families and themselves. As citizens we reconize that under this Bill they would again be denied their 2nd amendment right to own a firearm.

Those of us paying tax's and living in smaller communities are reminded often, that we are in the minority when it comes to representation in Salem, while we send quillified elected people to Salem, they are out numbered by the sheer limited number of constituents who can show up and support our common concerns and needs that impact "our smaller communities," against the many who reside in and around the Salem area, from the Eugene area to the north. As a long time resident of Oregon, who feels the effects of the over powering fist of those of you who represent the larger cities and counties in Oregon, it is sad that everything in our State is torn apart by two Parties, one of which refuse's to work with the other and is consistently seeking to pass Bills that restrict our Constitutional rights to legally purchase and own firearms, as ruled on by our Countrys highest Court, the Supreme Court, not just in a single case, but has upheld their findings in several other case's. I believe my message here is very clear, I oppose HB 2543 and pray our elected State Representative's stands with our communities and that they are able to bring common sense to the table, it is said, that when one finds common ground, there are no bounderies to what can be accomplished.

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