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In Opposition to SB 544

I was born and have lived in Oregon for 72 years. This SB is the worst violation of my constitutional rights that I have ever witnessed.

By taking my right to protect myself at any time whether at home or on the street, you are giving criminals free range. Why don't you lock up criminals that violate the current laws, instead of slapping their wrists and telling them to go ahead?

In reality, criminals don't take nor have to pass gun courses. Nor do they bother to complete a criminal background check in order to carry any sort of weapon, concealed or not.

It seems to me that the criminals have more rights than law-abiding citizens. Passing more restrictions on citizens will just make it easier for the criminals to proceed without caution. Criminals will know that private citizens will have no way to protect themselves and violence will increase.

It looks like to me, that you're wanting everyone to walk around with guns strapped to their hips and rifles hanging off their shoulders. Until of course you take away all our constitutional rights which this seems to be one step towards that goal.

No gun restriction that you place on law-abiding citizens will stop the criminals from getting and using weapons. **I strongly oppose SB 554.**

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