

Chairman Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher, Members,

I do not believe I woke up in Communist China, however it feels that way having to write and potentially testify to the Senate Judiciary Committee regarding the usurpation of Our Constitutional Rights to Self Defense and To Keep and Bear Arms.

America was Founded on inalienable God given Rights including the right to self defense, reinforced by the US Constitution, specifically the 2nd Amendment.

It is very unfortunate that we are living in a time where our Government, lead by what appears to be Leftist-Marxists usurping the US Constitution which we inherited from the Founders.

Ironically, the Founders described a form of "Limited Government" to keep the mantle of power minimized and out of our personal lives; now we find that we must oppose Government action creating an endless stream of Bills which increase the size and control of Government.

This is an Outrage, and should be viewed as unacceptable, that Government both at the Federal and State level are so inebriated with power and control, that it blinds them with the inability to even comprehend 27 simple words that make up the 2nd Amendment:

"A well regulated Militia, being Necessary to the Security of a FREE State, the RIGHT of the PEOPLE to keep and bear arms, SHALL NOT be INFRINGED" (*1)(EMPHASIS Added).

The last four words being the most important in the Context of this action being proposed in SB 554 by the majority party.

If the Oath Government Office holders take,were taken seriously, then the Constitution itself is the Prime Directive of their position and any further action by Government to curtail such rights must end.

I close with this, I have but one option left if Our Constitutional Rights continue to be eroded by Oath Breakers in Oregon Government(s). Unfortunately, that option is to vote with my feet and retreat to a "Red" State to continue my quest for Constitutional Integrity.

Regards,

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(*1)- Reference to the History of the 2nd Amendment:

<https://www.history.com/topics/united-states-constitution/2nd-amendment>