

State Legislature,

I have been a resident of Oregon for more than 10 years and I am a law abiding gun owner and concealed carry permit holder. I obtained my concealed carry permit for peace of mind when traveling with my young children. We often take trips to the coast or to the zoo and I am a small woman and could not easily defend myself against an attacker. What benefit would such legislation have other than to make law abiding citizens in the criminals. As the state looks to decriminalize hard drugs and reduce available law-enforcement to respond to incidents it becomes more necessary for self-preservation not less.

The right to self-defense pre-exists our government and my right to self preservation supersedes unconstitutional and arbitrary laws that may be imposed without fully recognizing the consequence. It would be very shortsighted to propose legislation that would, in some cities, districts, and municipalities prevent me from traveling with with my legally purchased firearm.

I urge you, representatives of the people to not pass this legislation. Allow the responsible, law abiding citizens to continue to carry the firearms under existing laws.