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On Behalf Of: Americans that do not violate the Constitution
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure: HB2005

Dear Chair Kropf, Vice Chairs Andersen and Wallen and Members of the Committee, I oppose HB 2005. I also oppose Government officials that have an unmitigated hatred of the personal freedoms within the U.S. Constitution that they freely swear an oath to uphold and protect.

The Second Amendment includes,...."the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed". HB 2005 violates the Second Amendment as an infringement upon this right. The Constitution does not specify that a state cannot prohibit the personal manufacture of a firearm however, it also does not specify that a citizen must purchase a firearm from a federally licensed manufacturer either. How many crimes are committed in the state of Oregon from undetectable firearms? How many states have runaway crime rates or any crimes from undetectable firearms traced back to Oregon? With the sensationalism of "gun violence" from most "news media" outlets the answer should be obvious, after all they do not cover the many stories where someone with a firearm stops a crime.

HB 2005 upon passage makes a criminal out of all law abiding citizens possessing such firearms. This violates Article 1 Section 9 of the US Constitution,...."or ex post facto Law shall be passed". It is also in violation of our own State Constitution Article 1 Section 21 prohibiting ex post facto laws.

A violation of the Second Amendment is likely a violation of the Fourteenth Amendment as it guarantees,...."nor deny to any persons within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws".

This Bill has no basis for becoming law, with one exception. Some public officials are trying to make it impossible to nearly impossible to purchase a firearm legally in the state of Oregon. Now, if they can make it illegal to manufacture your own firearm, that can severally hurt the Second Amendment without the fight of trying to do away with it. In other words the Second Amendment will be almost moot in the state of Oregon. I often wonder if these people are descendants of the British loyalists during the Revolutionary War.

I ask that our Representatives show the same zeal for protecting the Constitution and upholding just laws on the books instead of the relentless aspirations exhibited towards violating and ignoring them.

Taking firearms away from law abiding citizens leaves only criminals and non citizens armed. The gun free zones have all been dismal failures unless your objective is to have people injured or killed.

Introduce and pass legislation to make it a felony to consider legislation that violates the Constitutions of the U.S. and the State. Pass legislation that requires an equal number of each party on every committee. Yes you would have to work with each other. Pass legislation that defines the emergency clause to prevent its abuse, as

with this Bill.

I ask that each of you respect the Constitution and your oath and reject this HB 2005

Respectfully Submitted,

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