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Re: SB 348

Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

In my statement for the committee, I want to have our Oregon Legislative body to first remember that the oath of office is the same as I had taken in 1974 while getting ready to serve my State and Country. I have not all these years forgotten my oath. I had hoped you haven't either. But your continue attack on our freedoms in this state has proven in my opinion, you have not. Maybe the legislative body needs to remind itself of the pledge of allegiance daily before each session. Then maybe instead of the politics of self-serve would remind you work for us citizens of Oregon.

I am writing you today in stiff opposition of SB 348! This Senate bill is in the simple eyes of us Oregonians a remake of the Bill 114 that has been stopped by a Oregon Judge, which the games of the State has tried to outsmart.

The judge has in probability of reading and understanding the rule of law as it pertains to the Oregon Constitution.

Article 1, Section 27 of the Oregon Constitution states: "The people shall have the right to bear arms for the defense [sic] of themselves, and the State, but the Military shall be kept in strict subordination to the civil power[.]"

I guess the Secretary of Sate should have read it. This Bill SB 348 is like you lost and will do anything to prove I work for you, not the way the Constitution says you work for me, THE TAXPAYER. This back behind the Taxpayer backs is just a sneaky way because you will lose your Anti-Gun syndrome. It almost the same as the Magna anti-Trump syndrome that is sweeping the US. But your focus is GUNS. We are not subject of a ruler and dictatorship. and we are not Loyal subjects of the Oregon legislature. It is past time that you start listening to the voters in your districts, not just the ones that pay you and help you retain your power. Absolute power corrupts absolutely, and this is exactly what this overreach is.

In NEW YORK STATE RIFLE & PISTOL ASSOCIATION, INC., ET AL., PETITIONERS v. KEVIN P. BRUEN, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS SUPERINTENDENT OF NEW YORK STATE POLICE, ET AL.

JUSTICE THOMAS delivered the opinion of the Court.

In *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U. S. 570 (2008), and *McDonald v. Chicago*, 561 U. S. 742 (2010), we recognized that the Second and Fourteenth Amendments protect the right of an ordinary, law-abiding citizen to possess a handgun in the home for self-defense. In this case, petitioners and respondents agree that ordinary, law-abiding citizens have a similar right to carry

handguns publicly for their self-defense. We too agree, and now hold, consistent with *Heller* and *McDonald*, that the Second and Fourteenth Amendments protect an individual's right to carry a handgun for self-defense outside the home.

The Oregon legislature is being manipulated by beyond groups like LEVO and MDA to thwart the legal means. This means special interest is supporting your vote on an issue that will be Un-Constitutional. What is important to realize is that fear and emotions DO NOT outweigh constitutionally protected rights. Our rights don't come from the government and our Constitution is a document that is meant to restrain the overreach from our government. This attack on our 2nd Amendment, is about feelings. Not the law.

The Second Amendment protects an individual right to possess a firearm unconnected with service in a militia, and to use that arm for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self-defense within the home."

Every Oregonian should be outraged that then Oregon Senate is being used by special benefit groupings in an anarchic approach to sidestep the procedure.

Measure 114 never should have been on the ballot and the Secretary of State, Shemia Fagan was in negligence of her obligations and should be recalled. Attorney General Ellen Rosenbaum is supposed to remain unpolitical, but she has abused her standing to engage in confrontation on law abiding voters. All while radical DAs under her control have not fully indicted felons and lead us to this position of complete lawlessness. Not safe because of this unlawful criminals walking around and stalking the citizens. The Oregon legislature is now following suit. You all should be humiliated of yourselves. Oregon gun owners are not your adversary. We are your fellow citizens, we are your colleagues, and most notably we are taxpayers. This not only puts a stop to the white population but is also puts a major strain of minorities.

Gun Control Would Not Reduce Crime Against the Poor and Minorities (From Gun Control, P 59-66, 1992, Charles P Cozic, ed. -- See NCJ-160164)

“Many Americans have used gun control for hundreds of years to oppress and control African Americans and other minorities; because many minority Americans live in dangerous, crime-ridden communities, they need guns for self-defense; gun control would prevent this.

Abstract

The history of gun control in America has an ugly component: discrimination and oppression of African Americans, other racial and ethnic minorities, immigrants, and other "unwanted elements," including union organizers and agrarian reformers. Firearms laws were often enacted to disarm and facilitate repressive action against these groups. Another American prejudice supported such gun-control efforts, that is, that poor people, especially the black poor, are not to be trusted with firearms. The obvious effect of gun bans and prohibitions is to deny law-abiding citizens access to firearms for the defense of themselves and their families. That effect is doubly discriminatory, because the poor, especially the black poor, are the primary victims of crime and often lack the political power to command as much police protection as richer neighborhoods. In the final analysis, potential victims must protect themselves and their families or property from

criminal attack at the moment the criminal strikes. The need for the ability to defend oneself, family, and property is much more critical in the poor and minority neighborhoods ravaged by crime and without adequate police protection.

<https://www.ojp.gov/ncjrs/virtual-library/abstracts/gun-control-would-not-reduce-crime-against-poor-and-minorities-gun>

Like I have explained, I am paying attention to these Unconstitutional antics of our supposedly Lord and Masters of the Legislative body. In a way, I knew this was eventually coming. We get all the outsiders coming into our state to escape the rhetoric from other states. Only to restart their rhetoric they brought with them and shove it down good hardworking, law abiding, Oregonians throats. I believe it is time to reinstate the 1996 Term limit law.

In time I would expect the Radical Legislative attacks on Guns to finally be finished. Since I am a veterans and give my time to help veterans, why not focus on the issues of Veterans. Of course, that issue deals with emotions.

Respectfully

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