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To our Oregon Legislators,

Here's a quote I wrote down a while back: "To ban guns because criminals use them is to tell the innocent and law-abiding that their rights and liberties depend not on their own conduct, but on the conduct of the guilty and the lawless, and that the law will permit them to have only such rights and liberties as the lawless will allow." - from Jeff Snyder. This is my sentiment about all your proposed gun restrictions. It seems that it's a never ending process: make some gun laws, then keep making more because people keep using guns to commit murder.

I'm not the smartest kid on the block but it's obvious to me that we have a culture and society behavior problem. Why, because 75 years ago we didn't have this problem, did we. I guarantee you if you want to stop the killing, you'll endorse behavior changes like stopping the glorification of violence in movies, TV, internet, and video games. Also we must be showing real consequences for criminal activity both for deterring and treating convicts. We can work with news outlets to not give coverage to killers and shun mentioning their names or manifestos. These actions and more will be effective; not restricting access to guns by law abiding citizens. It's a fact: the more you restrict the rights of citizens the more they will want to purchase firearms because you have caused them to fear a totalitarian type of government by your overreach.

Use your influence to build true respect and honor for life and you will help stop people from killing people.

Thank you.