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On Behalf Of: WE THE PEOPLE
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HB2572

Dear lawmakers,

I urge you to vote NO on HB-2572. This bill defines a "Private paramilitary organization" which is describing a constitutionally authorized and protected militia group as the Second Amendment protects the collective right to join and/or form a militia and military use of firearms to protect people/communities against a tyrannical government and to protect people/communities from violent hordes/riots/bands of criminals when law and order breaks down (kind of like 2020-present day). United States v. Nelson, 859 F.2d 1318, 1320 (8th Cir. 1988) affirmed that the 2nd amendment protects the right of state militias as defined in the U.S. constitution. This bill could be more supportable if it had language added to it that said it would be illegal to function in a militia/deploy a militia (sorry but it's not meaning the national guard but an orderly and law abiding constitutional rights protecting group of private citizens as defined in the above court case) if it's purpose is to disrupt a lawful government proceeding or break the constitutionally protected rights of others or violate the legal/constitutional laws and ordinances and the militia is in the commission of such a crime. The way this bill is written right now it is not only unconstitutional and infringing on our rights to organize and protect ourselves from an over reaching/tyrannical government and violent hordes of criminals/rioters (sorry but that takes weapons in common usage by

the federal army [read the federalist papers for a proper education on the second amendment]), but it is also fully written as a political tool to go after conservative protesters/Oregonians meanwhile letting liberal/progressive protesters such as Antifa/BLM to still remain untouchable while engaging in "mostly" peaceful "protest" which consists of assaults/harrassment/public menacing on Oregonians that look conservative,

Oregonians that are trying to drive on the roads, and all makes of law enforcement.

Let's not forget the wake of destruction that the left leaning paramilitaries/militias/mobs leave in their wake during their "mostly" peaceful protesting. How about also adding to the weapons category mace/loaded bottles/body fluids/skate boards/clubs/sticks/city signs/rocks/bricks/tire irons/tools/lasers/helmets/umbrellas/knives/ninja stars/brass knuckles so you can cover the left leaning groups that like to interfere in government proceedings, actual peaceful protests, traffic right ways on roads/interstates, and law enforcement instruction/enforcing to maintain order.

If you do add these things mentioned above and recognize that militias are constitutionally protected then you will show that you are making this bill with the best

of intentions and are actually worried about protecting constitutional rights, a functioning government, the laws, public safety, law enforcement, and threats to government and the public. Do it not and we see this and you for exactly what it is and what you are and that's a hypocritical partisan politician out to get those other Americans that don't share your political ideology and way of thinking. Until the appropriate amendments are made that uphold our constitutionally protected rights to form and serve in a militia, I implore you to vote NO on HB-2572. Thank you.

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