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I am a born and raised Oregon resident. I have grown up around guns and hunting my entire life. I use my guns as a tools to provide highest quality meat available to my family. I also use them to keep me safe in the woods as well as to protect my home and family. So naturally I am in strong opposition of these proposed measures. I feel like I have some unique insight on this topic due to some unfortunate life experiences. My brother, and two friends were brutally raped, shot and killed by two evil men. Notice I did not point the blame at the said weapon. It was these two evil men who took the lives of my brother and our dear friends. I was 13 when this happened. At 15 I testified in a capital punishment murder trial. I was young and wanted to blame anything and everything I could. I remember a day when I wished they would take guns away from everyone. I thought maybe they would put a stop to this kind of violence. As I grew into the man I am today I quickly realized, at still a young age, people are going to be evil. And it was the person that committed the crime that needed the help. These men had wrap sheet 100s of pages long with all the charges presented to them at trial for all kinds of crimes. Everything from theft to rape to Murder. They targeted my brother and our friends. Maybe we could have helped them if people had payed attentions to the signs, maybe that would have had little to no impact. I don't know. What I do know is this is a people problem. And as long as there are evil people there will be countless crimes of this nature. Wether it's a gun a knife a spoon a car a rock....etc.

As a living breathing human being we all have the right to life. We also all have a natural right to defend and protect our lives from such atrocities. With any and all means necessary. Sure we can call the cops for help we could even attempt to defuse the situation. None of us want to hurt anyone. But in the heat of that moment where your life gets put in the hands of one of these evil people, what do you think might save your life first. What would be the best and quickest means to defend your life and the life of those you love. Do you think calling the cops for help will be quick enough? Especially in todays police presence? Will their be enough officers available to even respond to your calls for help? Even if you could would you be given the time to make the call for help? What if a situation presented itself and you had a tool readily available at your disposal that could potentially defuse the situation with even its presence? What if that tool was your very last means to potentially save your life? What if that tool was available at the last second you had to defend the life of your child, your wife, your mother and father? Would you want it to be there? Would you practice your right as a legal law abiding citizen that presents no threat to another loving breathing soul? Do any of these measures do anything that will increase the

safety in our community?? Will these evil people care what measures, rules, or laws you put into place here today or any other day?