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I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB 947

This isn't as straight forward as it appears. The changes references to the "militia" in Oregon law to..."national guard." Oregon law defines the "unorganized militia" as "... all able-bodied residents of the state between the ages of 18 and 45 who are not serving in any force of the organized militia or who are not on the state retired list and who are or who have declared their intention to become citizens of the United States; subject, however, to such exemptions from military duty as are created by the laws of the United States."

This is an insult to the "National Guard," words that actually mean something. Sponsors of this bill haven't empower the National Guard, but have stripped them of their status. For what?

The 'militia" are the people. And that terrifies the left. And they will do all they can to crush it. This bill is one more attempt to remind Oregonians that they are subjects and not citizens.