

Dear Legislators,

I'm writing to voice my strong opposition to SB 947. This bill was ridiculous & unconstitutional when passed as HB2572 & this modification makes it even more so.

Grocery, gas & housing prices are out of control, Portland has devolved into a crime & drug-infested hell hole, businesses are fleeing Oregon, and our legislators would rather nitpick about the definition of militia? Please stop wasting our time & tax dollars and focus on solving REAL problems!

For the record, the correct legal & historical meaning of militia refers to "the body of the people", if you'd kindly read the US Constitution you would know that. Specifically, the 2nd Amendment reads: "A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed."

The Founding Fathers deliberately distinguished between the militia (able-bodied adult citizens) & standing armies (which would include the modern National Guard). By replacing the word "militia" with "National Guard," this bill attempts to eliminate the 2nd Amendment right of ordinary citizens to keep & bear arms, as affirmed in the 2008 US Supreme Court decision DC v Heller.

The rights enshrined in our Constitution cannot be voted away or eliminated by misguided politicians. SB 947 will waste millions of taxpayer dollars trying to defend in court & will surely not pass judicial muster. Please use common sense & vote NO on SB 947.

Sincerely,

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