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HB 3075 will do nothing “to save lives” as is being parroted in the testimony of the majority of the supporters. In fact, it will probably cause more loss of life and violence as criminals will continue to disregard the law and law abiding citizens will be more vulnerable. Not to mention, it will make criminals out of law abiding citizens.

There is no loophole which allows a person to purchase or transfer before a background check as I read in some supporter’s comments. The fact is, yes, you purchase the gun first and then there is a background check. But if you do not pass the background check you will not be given possession of the firearm. Your money will be returned to you. So that statement is misinformation intended to mislead.

Another argument supporters make is that it will help prevent suicides. If that is so important then why does Oregon law condone assisted suicide.

But getting to the main issue. Measure 114 as well as HB 3075 are unconstitutional per both the Oregon and U.S. Constitutions. The Supreme Court of the land has found with the Heller and Bruen decisions that every part of Measure 114 and HB 3075 are unconstitutional. The majority of testimony in opposition have very eloquently argued the details as to the unconstitutionality. So I do not need to reiterate other than to say that Measure 114 and HB 3075 are defacto gun bans

Why are people who have the opposing view regarding this Bill not invited to give testimony on Monday March 17? Last year, a well renown researcher, John Lott, came on his own to testify but was summarily dismissed before being allowed to speak. This does not seem like Democracy to me.

The ultimate insult is the use/abuse of the Emergency Clause so that citizens cannot challenge this ordure laden foray into deprivation of individual freedom. It seems like the “Party of Democracy” doesn’t want any democracy from Oregonians to interfere with their agenda.

Regarding the so called “Necessity” of this Bill, I will defer to the great statesman William Pitt. "Necessity is the plea for every infringement of human freedom. It is the argument of tyrants; it is the creed of slaves “