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I am not right-wing nor a member of the NRA. I am in favor of sensible gun control. The approach of 114 and 3075 is not sensible.

Whether you like it or not, gun ownership is a constitutionally guaranteed right. I do not need to ask permission to use freedom of speech, and I should not need to ask permission from law enforcement to own a firearm.

The 2nd Amendment exists to protect against tyranny. The police would be the primary instrument of tyranny. Why would we hand the power to deny protection against tyranny over to the ones who would be implementing said tyranny? Do you see the conflict of interest?

Tyranny is already being carried out right now by ICE. What would stop some small town sheriff from denying a Mexican-American their right to own a weapon? You all know it's going to happen, and you're lying if you say it won't.

The ban on standard capacity magazines (30 round, 17 round , etc.) is misguided and ineffective. It is not a deterrent to criminals nor mass shooters. It only restricts the rights of law abiding citizens. Many or most criminals are already not allowed to carry firearms, since they are already felons. They aren't going to care about your magazine limits. They get an aggravated sentence either way.

The Sandy Hook shooter was swapping out half-full magazines (called a tactical reload). Reloading is not a deterrent to mass shooting. This will not stop mass shootings from happening, and it won't reduce the number of people killed. I wish there were a simple solution like this, but there isn't. These bills are grasping at straws, desperate to do -something-. But rights must not be infringed because we -hope- it will make a difference.

Finally, the ban on magazines puts the burden of proof on the gun owner to prove they obtained their magazine before the ban went into effect. This will immediately put many Oregonians in violation of the law.

Also, how is that even constitutional? What happened to innocent until proven guilty? Why do I need to prove my own innocence, rather than the State prove me guilty?