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As a caring and concerned citizen. I ordinarily would have been on the side to add regulations for firearms. However, as I've learned more, I understand that the changes proposed will not decrease crimes (which are often committed by those who operate outside of any laws) and will instead make law abiding citizens have to pay more money and jump through bureaucratic hoops for safe and lawful gun ownership. I appreciate the idea behind mandating gun safety training, and I know this is ALREADY required for concealed carry permits in Oregon in addition to a background check that takes weeks to complete.

The proposed bill would make gun ownership more exclusive to those who have excess money and time; citizens who do not fit that category (likely most folks at this point) but are wanting to follow all laws are impacted most by these additional regulations. It is phrased to make people feel like they are creating a safer environment, but in actuality, the illusion of safety unfairly burdens law abiding citizens who own firearms and doesn't change the sense of entitlement that leads to crimes in our state.

Beyond burdening law abiding citizens with fees and duplicative training, the problematic wording in this bill suggests that owners of items that were previously purchased legally can be held accountable to standards that didn't exist at the time of purchase (specifically dated from 2022).

Non-law-abiding citizens will still acquire guns and higher capacity magazines despite these regulations. Please research what actually results in safer experiences for all citizens rather than raising costs for law abiding citizens and allowing a pretense of safety, which is performative and only checks boxes.