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As a victim of a violent crime and now a gun seller for a FFL holder I am greatly concerned that politicians can so casually disregard the constitution. Imagine trying these work-arounds with the 1st amendment and claiming that it was completely constitutional! Our right to bare arms is a human right, just like the freedom of speech. I am all for background checks and gun education for all citizens, not just gun owners, however this bill will completely shut down all selling of firearms for a prolong period of time, if not forever, in the state of Oregon. We cannot allow a majority vote to suspend any of our civil or human rights. The 2nd amendment is a human right protected by the constitution, not a privilege. I too am against gun violence but the problem of gun violence is not the word "gun" in that phrase but the word "violence". I can appreciate that you, our state representatives, are put in the difficult position of dealing with rising crime rates and drug use, not to mention homelessness, the current economy etc. that leaves all citizens desperate for answers and solutions but please reconsider this bill. It will leave law abiding citizens defenseless in the face of the same rising crime and violence that you are trying to fight. Thank you for your time.