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The 2A guarantees our right to keep and bear arms, a freedom that shall not be infringed. These bills, pushed by extremist, impose unnecessary burdens on law-abiding citizens. Pushing more regulations on gun dealers, despite federal laws already requiring strict oversight, including background checks and inspections is nonsense and will create more financial burdens to the state. Criminals obtain guns illegally, making these regulations ineffective.

This bill targets rapid-fire devices like bump stocks. Criminals don't follow laws, and focusing on specific devices won't address the root causes of gun violence.

Raising the age to 21 for purchasing semi-auto rifles, is unfair to 18–20-year-olds who can vote and serve in the military, and criminals ignore age restrictions anyway.

Waiting periods to reduce impulse suicide, claiming 77% of suicides are by firearm.

Data shows it's closer to 50% in Oregon. Waiting periods delay self-defense, especially for women facing domestic violence, leaving them defenseless against determined individuals.

I urge our state to focus on enforcing existing laws, improving mental health services, and addressing crime's root causes.