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I oppose this bill! This bill goes against 90% of what the state wants! It's only the crowded cities that want this, and we do not support it. Nobody in the overpopulated cities of Portland, Eugene, and most of the Interstate 5 corridor—which is the smallest margin of land in the entire state—should have the power to dictate to the rest of the state. This is outright egregious and outrageous. For you to go against the constitutional rights of the majority and allow the smallest portion of land to control the rest of Oregon is absolutely ridiculous. This law is unconstitutional and uncalled for. It will only hurt law-abiding citizens, the very people who respect laws.

Criminals, the people who don't respect laws, will continue to commit crimes whether laws are in place or not. Look at Europe—you can't use firearms, but they still use vehicles, edged weapons, and other means to harm people. It doesn't matter what is outlawed; in the United States, people will still engage in illegal activities. People steal and buy things on the black market. The black market is real. The dark web is real, and that's where people will get their illegal items. I've had people randomly add me on Snapchat and try to sell me weapons, guns, pills, and other illegal items under the table, without any type of registration or legal process. They are doing things illegally. Those people don't respect the law, and these laws will not stop them. They will only impact people like me, who follow the law—I've never had a ticket, a fishing or wildlife violation, or even gotten into trouble with the law.

This law is outrageous and ridiculous. It is only going to hurt law-abiding citizens. It is unconstitutional, and it represents an overreach of power for you to make decisions about the Constitution of the United States, which you swore to uphold when you took office. Yet, you have failed miserably in doing so. I 100% oppose this bill because what you are doing is unconstitutional, unlawful, and straight-up illegal.