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Senate Bill 696 is an absolute travesty, and you should be ashamed. Slapping 10-year felonies and massive fines on “rapid fire activators”? This isn’t about safety—it’s a blatant power grab that punishes law-abiding Oregonians. Let’s dismantle this nonsense with hard facts and expose your weak excuses.

This targets innocent hobbyists and hunters, not criminals. Your “rapid fire activators”—bump stocks, binary triggers—aren’t the issue. FBI data: 2022 mass shootings, zero tied to legal bump stocks. Oregon DOJ: 1,013 gun crimes in 2023—95% illegal guns, not from stores. You’re hitting the guy tuning his rifle in Medford while criminals ignore you. ATF says bump stocks don’t make guns “machine guns”—post-2018 ban, no violence spike.

This is pure fearmongering. Your “emergency” claim is a sham. Oregon’s gun homicide rate—3.8 per 100,000 in 2022 (OHA)—beats the national 4.5. No “rapid fire” crisis exists here. CDC: 99% of gun murders nationwide are handguns, not rifles with accessories. You’re banning gadgets while real killers use stolen pistols. Las Vegas 2017? Not Oregon’s reality.

Drop the fake urgency. You’re trampling rights, too. Heller (2008) and Bruen (2022) protect “common use” arms—binary triggers and cranks are legal, owned by thousands. ATF’s indecision doesn’t make them machine guns; your bill does, with no proof. A 2020 Criminology & Public Policy study shows no link between accessories and crime rates. You’re criminalizing tools, not crime—10 years for a crank? Outrageous.

The cost is brutal—dealers lose business, rural shooters face \$6,250 fines they can’t pay. Cops waste time on triggers instead of real issues—Oregon’s 40% unsolved crime rate (OSP 2023) says it all. Brilliant move, geniuses.

Exceptions for police and machine gun owners? Hypocrisy at its finest. If it’s so “dangerous,” why allow anyone? You’re not serious—just flexing on regular people. This bill’s a disgrace, not safety. Kill it, Reynolds, and the rest of you. Focus on real crime—80% of our gun murders are illegal guns (DOJ)—not this invented threat. SB 696 is an insult to Oregonians. End it now.