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The proposed legislation relating to gun control is not consistent with the plain wording of the Second Amendment to our Constitution. It directly and adversely affects

both gun dealers, prospective gun purchasers, and present gun owners. It simply is NOT NEEDED for the State of Oregon. Ninety-nine + % of gun owners are responsible citizens, especially those who have gone to the trouble of acquiring permits for concealed carry. The proposal, if passed, will only increase the activity on the "black market", as those ill-intended individuals who want to do harm with firearms will acquire them anyway. AND, the new rules will NOT prevent criminals from

taking firearms into prohibited places. Why punish good people for the crimes of the evil? This makes no sense. Most of us who carry weapons do so for self-defense, which includes protecting others in the face of physical threat. Our possession of a firearm is for the benefit of ALL, not just ourselves. Why not pass legislation that provides VERY stiff/severe penalties for the criminals and deranged people who misuse them? Deal with the "bad" guys; do not penalize the "good" guys! Most of the

problems with guns is in the Metro area of Oregon, NOT the rest of the State. Portland in particular needs to crack down on gun violence. We don't have a similar problem

in most Oregon counties, so why pass something that affects the entire State? Let's use some common sense, please. Thank you.