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Re: Opposition to Oregon Senate Bill 243 A

To the Oregon Senate, Senate Committee on Rules, and the People of Oregon,

I, Jeremiah Bloink, a resident of Oregon, draft this letter in direct opposition to this continued attack on the 2nd Amendment to the United States Constitution and to the legally protected rights of citizens of the United States. Bills of this nature affect only law-abiding guns owners. Criminals will continue to illegally access weapons and convert them to their needs regardless of existing laws, that is why they are criminals.

Fully automatic weapons are already illegal in the United States under the National Firearms Act. The definitions as to what constitute a fully automatic weapon are clearly defined in that law and do not need further clarification or additional restrictions. Also, what you inaccurately refer to as "high capacity" magazines for rifles and handguns are, in fact, standard capacity and normal for the firearms that they accompany.

The Supreme Court's ruling in Heller clearly states that a citizen's right to own weapons is absolute and that any restrictions upon that must be in keeping with history and tradition. Gun-grabbing and restrictive laws such as these have been enjoined and struck down as unconstitutional for years. The Supreme Court has also ruled that a right cannot be turned into a paid for privilege. People who are not criminals should not have to endure additional fees or waiting periods to purchase items they are legally entitled to own.

Legal gun owners have endured these attacks for years, and comply with them when they do pass, because they are law-abiding and moral individuals. Despite this crime continues because criminals are immoral and do not obey the law. By enacting ignorant and unconstitutional laws such as these you are making people and our country more unsafe, by limiting moral and decent people from having the ability to protect themselves and society from the immoral and corrupt individuals.

I fervently hope that all our state representatives vote against this egregious attack on our fundamental American rights. Should they side against the people and enact this law, I look forward to the legal challenges that will have it enjoined and struck down for the Constitutional abomination that it represents. I would also look forward to any legislator that supports this bill to be voted out of office.

Sincerely,

Jeremiah Bloink

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