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To my state lawmakers: I strongly oppose this bill in multiple ways. First, what is the reasoning for banning CHL holders (the good guys) from lawful carry when the criminal element (the bad guys) will do so anyway? Have you forgotten that it was an armed civilian whose use of his weapon caused the Town Center shooter to retreat and cease fire? Although never broadcasted via MSM, the NRA publishes various instances where legally armed citizens were involved in various situations, all with positive outcomes. Yet, I see where you made it legal for capital staff to be armed, the reason being that they "did not feel safe." Why am I being denied the same right you have given to yourselves? A double standard for a constitutional right by our lawmakers is beyond words. And the devices you wish to outlaw, those have been deemed protected under the 2nd ammendment by the SCOTUS in an earlier ruling. There has been a lot of talk in this state lately about due process, and how "we must follow the constitutional rights" regarding due process, while conveniently ignoring the "shall not be infringed" portion. Are we only following the constitution when it aligns with personal desires? Is turning thousands of criminally squeaky clean Oregonians into felons with the stroke of a pen align with ideals set forth in a constitutional republic? Are you ready to waste yet more money in another court battle over a bill the resolves absolutely no issue what so ever? This bill is nothing more that virtue signaling to appease the feelings of some, at the cost of the rights of others, do you feel this is justice? Please, I beg you all to engage your critical thinking skills, if gun laws actually worked, why do you have to keep creating new ones? Hopefully I have made a connection to a few of you. Oppose this bill, don't support what's popular, support what is right. Lastly, remember your oath to defend an uphold the U.S. Constitution