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Oppose all restrictions attacking our 2nd Amendment Rights!

This is time for all Oregon Gun Owners to act and stop these pathetic socialist politicians and anti-gun groups trying to strip law abiding citizens their right to self defense!

In the last few years, Oregon politicians and the ignorant anti gun groups have attacked our "constitutional rights " to keep and bear arms. Many of these individuals are clueless to the fundamental concept of self defense, and most of these people don't own firearms, don't know the current laws on the books already, do not understand the current threat daily that our people are exposed to. Thus said, it confirms to many law abiding Americans that own firearms that states like Oregon and a few other left wing liberal thinking governments in America have one purpose... TO STRIP CITIZENS OF THEIR 2nd Amendment Rights PERIOD!

These bills, 114, 243 and any sneaky amendments Oregon politicians try to slide in will get a strong response from law abiding gun owners in the form of civil lawsuits! Nothing in these bills or ones that are on the books presently goes after the criminal element... Criminals don't follow the laws, but politicians and the anti gun crowds don't care, they want to strip us of our firearms and freedoms!

Securing firearm ownership goes back to firearm safety, training, instruction... Bring back gun safety in the schools! Put ' constitutional carry' in place. If a person can legally own a firearm, they should be able to carry it concealed without a permit. Currently there are close to 30 states that allow concealed carry without a permit!

For over a decade, I assisted an FBI CERTIFIED FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR, decorated USMC VETERAN, FORMER POLICE OFFICER teach basic firearms safety, shooting skills, state and federal laws. My position was a certified range officer. We could have anywhere from 10 to 25 folks in our class. 10 years, training every couple of weeks... not one person injured! Safety was DOMINATED IN OUR TRAINING! Our Sprague River Community Resource Team also put together a SAR TEAM and found a murdered mother of 3 children. I led that team! The victim was beaten and strangled... Her name was Cheryl Hart, this search was in 2016 near Chiloquin, Oregon.

My family goes back to early 1600s in Virginia. We were farmers, ranchers, business owners... always owning firearms. We migrated to the Carolina's, Tennessee,

Kentucky, Alabama, Oklahoma, Texas and eventually to the west coast. We fought in the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, and every war since. Myself, USAF veteran... I had the honor to meet President Gerald Ford in 1976, General Charlie Duke Apollo 16 as he presented me with a medal for heroism in 1982, Others including General Chuck Yeager.

As a responsible gun owner, it's our last line of defense! Police and military cannot be everywhere... and the world we presently live in is getting dangerous by the day... As I write this now, Israel just attacked Iran nuclear facilities. Could this spark a wider war? Yes it can!

As a Cold War veteran... from 1975 to 1985, our major concern was Russia, and every once in a while, N. Korea would act up, like when they killed our soldiers on the DMZ in the mid 1970s. At that time I was assigned to the 2nd Bomb Wing at Barksdale AFB in Louisiana. Riding rescue, the klaxon went off, gearing up and in the back seat I saw alert crews running to their aircraft, B 52s loaded with nukes and KC 135 aircraft... looking at my crew chief, i said " We going to war with Russia?, he said "Looks like it! After watching the planes taxi for the main runway, 30 minutes went by, then a radio call to stand down. Briefly, I was relieved. Going back, we were told at the fire station about the attack from N. Korea on our soldiers. We came that close to war!

Oregon government is failing in all aspects... leadership is weak in the state level... some if not all firearm restrictions have no affect on the criminal activity in our cities. I oppose!