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Scott Hege, *Chair of the Board*
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To: All Oregon State Representatives and Senators
From: Wasco County Board of Commissioners

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Re: Citizens Rights/Legislators Responsibilities

The Oregon State Legislature has been moving down a path that will restrict the Second Amendment rights of responsible, law-abiding Oregonians. The right to bear arms is an essential aspect of America liberty; when exercised in accordance with the laws already in place, it makes our families and properties safer. You cannot legislate guns out of the hands of criminals! When the only ones armed are criminals and the government, the freedom of the average citizen is at risk. In the words of George Mason, co-author of the Second Amendment, "To disarm the people is the best and most effective way to enslave them."

As a representative of the citizens of Oregon, please do not confuse your desire to "protect" with your responsibility to defend the rights of those you represent. We encourage you to oppose any additional restrictive laws that encroach on a fundamental constitutional right.

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