



OREGON REPUBLICAN PARTY

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Mayor Hodson,
Canby City Councilors

RE: Statement in Support of Resolution 1217

Canby leaders, I write this letter as Vice Chairman of the Oregon Republican Party and officially from the Oregon Republican Party. We encourage you to take this simple step and Pass this resolution as a statement of your support for the Second Amendment rights of your constituents.

The public is strongly behind protection of Second Amendment rights. This issue crosses partisan political lines and strikes at the very core of the founding of our great nation. The rights of our citizens to protect themselves is enshrined not only in the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution, but also Article 1 Section 27 of the Oregon Constitution states:

“the people shall have the right to bear arms for the defense of themselves, and the State”

Thus, the right exists both to protect yourself, your family and to protect your State when and if there is ever a time when the State can't protect itself or you. Contrary to the opinion of your staff, the action before you today IS a local issue, and speaking up for your residents IS a service to the residents. Self-defense is an extremely local issue, we have our own police, we swear an oath to both Constitutions, and somebody has to stand up for the collective voice of Canby. How your police force expends their funds is a city issue, how your city administrators lobby to other cities, is a local issue. You are our voice as a City, how you speak on this issue your staff must respect. For instance, the league of Oregon Cities lobbies for cities all the time, the City of Canby can certainly make its position known and make it clear that it does not want any city resources expended expanding the dubious registration and tracking system. **PASSING THIS RESOLUTION DOES JUST THAT.**

The Oregon Republican Party officially opposed the recently passed Senate Bill 941. All Republicans opposed the bill, even some Democrats opposed the bill. Canby should join the more than 30 other municipalities to protect our constitutional rights, speak up, and stop letting a minority of the elitist Portland political class take advantage of one party rule and implement their extreme intolerance of your second amendment rights.

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