

The Common Firearms Act

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The “Don’t Take Away My Right To Defend My Family Committee” proudly announces that an Oregon constitutional amendment “The Common Firearms Act” (IP-8) has been filed with the Oregon Secretary of State and has received clearance to begin gathering the required 1,000 valid signatures of registered Oregon voters to obtain a ballot title for the November 2020 general election.

This proposed constitutional amendment is a direct result of IP-43 (since withdrawn) which would have allowed among other things the unconstitutional confiscation of legal firearms. A 117,000 member Facebook group was quickly organized to fight IP-43 and out of that group came the effort to put forward “The Common Firearms Act”.

The two chief petitioners of “The Common Firearms Act” are Sharon Preston of Redmond and Carlyan Castenallo of Portland, both members of the Facebook group.

“I help empower women to defend themselves and their families with a firearm as a certified firearms instructor” said Preston. “I know firsthand how important it is for women to be able to buy a firearm that is best for them and IP-43 would have made that nearly impossible”.

“The Common Firearms Act” is based on the late US Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia’s majority opinion in the Heller decision that used the term “Firearms In Common Use” and held that the heart of the Second Amendment is the right to self-defense. Oregon’s Constitution states that the citizens have the “right to bear arms for the defense of themselves” and this proposed amendment protects the right to own firearms and accessories that were legal in Oregon as of July 1, 2018, defines which firearms it applies to, doesn’t change any existing Oregon or Federal firearms laws and prohibits any Oregon government entity from regulating or limiting the citizens right to own firearms.

“As a young, millennial woman I am passionate about my right to own a firearm of my choice” said Castenallo. “The right to defend ourselves with a firearm crosses party and ideological lines and we must protect it in our Oregon Constitution”

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