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To the Citizens of Pend Oreille County

Over the last several weeks many people have contacted my office to express their concern regarding Initiative 1639 (Washington State's "Assault Weapons ban"). 70% of Pend Oreille County voters were opposed to this bill, and are disturbed by any possible infringements upon our constitutionally protected Second Amendment rights.

I join many other Sheriff's across this state who share these same concerns. The only portion of this law currently in effect is section 13 regarding age restrictions. The exceptions listed in RCW 9.41.042 and 9.41.060, leave me wondering what there is for us to enforce. The rest of this law does not take effect until July 1st 2019. Numerous lawsuits have been filed to challenge this law, and it may look significantly different by then. We are all waiting for legal clarification.

Keeping in mind my obligation to the U.S. Constitution, as well as my oath to uphold the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington, members of the Pend Oreille County Sheriff's Office will continue to use common sense while evaluating the facts and circumstances related to any alleged law violations.

Sincerely,

Glenn Blakeslee, Sheriff

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