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Dear Sirs and Madams:

I am concerned about the proposed Legislative Concept 38. I expressed my concern last year in response to SB 987 and other similar Legislative activity, and incorporate by reference the same applicable concepts as shown in my email to Senator Roblan below.

I am particularly concerned that the constitutional rights of so many US citizens and Oregon residents is disregarded by you, the proponents, on an annual basis - at minimum - and which persists ad infinitum. My concerns and rights do not change annually, infinity.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Johnson

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Mr. Roblan:

I am an attorney licensed to practice in the State of Oregon for nearly 10 years. This email is to urge you to vote NO and keep hundreds of thousands of Oregonians from becoming felons overnight.

As a backdrop, I present you with the following:

**Oregon Constitution, Section 27. "The people shall have the right to bear arms for the defence [sic] of themselves, and the State, but the Military shall be kept in strict subordination to the civil power[.]"**

Furthermore, the United States Constitution, in addition to the 2nd amendment, expressly states the following:

**The United States Constitution, Article V, states "No person SHALL. . nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation."**

Turning to Senate Bill 978, which was initially only a paragraph authorizing a study, all amendments are a substantial change which attempt to abrogate the constitutional rights referenced above. If this were not an amendment, you should be well aware that this would not even be considered as is shown in the historical attempts to pass this law. There are 2nd amendment and Oregon Constitution interests at stake under the veil of an "amendment," as well as property interests. I generally object to the entirety of this bill.

*District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570 (2008), stated the Second Amendment protects an individual's right to possess a firearm, unconnected with service in a militia, for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self-defense within the home, and that the District of Columbia's handgun ban and requirement that lawfully-owned rifles and shotguns be kept "unloaded and disassembled or bound by a trigger lock" violated this guarantee. Citation omitted.

Turning to Senate Bill 978, which changes overnight:

1. SB 978 would make you a felon if you traveled anywhere *near* any public building that chose to prohibit firearms, even if you had a concealed handgun license.
2. It would allow school districts, colleges and universities to make up policies concerning firearms in buildings *they did not even own*.
3. It would make traveling to and from an airport with a firearm, even with a concealed handgun license, a felony.
4. It would mandate that guns be locked up (already declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court) and allow you to be charged with a crime even if they *were* locked up and stolen.
5. It would make possession of many firearms made before 1968 a felony.
6. It would make possession of any gun you made yourself a felony. There is no provision for adding a serial number to a firearm you made yourself.
7. It would eliminate or severely restrict youth firearms programs.
8. It would require that all firearms "transferred" be equipped with cable or trigger locks and hold you responsible for crimes committed with any

firearm that you transferred without such locks.

9. It would ban possession of "unfinished frames or receivers" which are so poorly defined the term could mean anything.

Criminals in Salem and other locations will disregard any laws such as this, and will continue to rob, rape, and kill innocent civilians. They will resolve conflicts with violence, and laugh at these laws. Furthermore, Senate Bill 978's amendments will place in fear those who have been victims of burglary, robbery, rape, and whose families have been murdered, raped, or robbed. People who lawfully possess firearms would never harm a fly, will never need to fire their weapon in self defense, but have the right to possess the firearms for their, security, safety, and defense of self from such hardened, intimidating, and lawless criminals and predators who are physically stronger and more willing and able to be violent and dangerous.

**This is an attempt to criminalize law abiding citizens and to deprive them of constitutional rights.**

Based on any and all of the above stated reasons, not stated in their entirety in this email, for the victims of crimes from violent and hardened criminals who are trying to protect themselves, I urge you to vote NO on this bill.

Respectfully

Jonathan Johnson