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Dear Honorable Senators:

This statement applies not only to this current bill being considered, but all others relating to gun rights which may come before the body that are extreme in their nature and construction.

Please stop the insane moves to the left by the Democrats in Salem on gun control. It's as if there is NO understanding or basic appreciation for what and why the 2nd Amendment to our constitution exists! Stop taking away in a rush the hard earned and proper civil rights of the law abiding citizens of our State. What the Democrats are proposing is unconscionable - which includes allowing 16 year olds to debate and set policy. This is insane, and is an absolute abuse of the 3/5 majorities you currently have. The body still must represent the WHOLE state, and pass law which conforms with the Constitution.

Passage of bills such as SB 978 will have a deleterious effect on the law abiding - not upon the criminals or the insane. Why is it so hard for the anti-gun advocates to understand this? Criminals aren't going to read this law, and they don't care! So who are these new laws for? Obviously, they're intended to harm the ordinary citizen who cares and has something to lose - the law abiding.

Please stop wasting your time on new laws that will have no effect on reducing gun crime. Focus your efforts instead on issues that matter - i.e. PERS reform, which without it is bankrupting the state.

Thank you for your time.

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