

To whom it may concern-

We have a representative constitutional republic and NOT a democracy for a reason. A democracy is a popularity contest, it's mob rule, it's 51% of the population bossing around the other 49%. The founding fathers gave us a representative constitutional republic because they believed some rights were intrinsic to the person and could not be removed, no matter how many people agreed to take them away. The right to keep and bear arms as valued second only to the right to free speech and freedom of religion. Senate Bill 978 and it's amendment will largely destroy our right to keep and bear arms in this state.

In addition, and much more seriously, the way SB978 is being forced upon the people of Oregon is a circus, an absolute farce. An embarrassment. A perversion of the power given to elected officials. Spitting upon the Constitution, both of the USA as a whole and of Oregon. Every government employee or political office holder who swore an oath to uphold the Constitution of both the USA and of Oregon should be ashamed to be a part of this process. The way SB978 and it's amendment were introduced and modified was done specifically to avoid public knowledge and interference. A law that requires secrecy and subversion to pass doesn't deserve to see the light of day. This is not the way a government by the people, of the people, and for the people works, this is how a totalitarian dictatorship works. The elected representatives of Oregon have lost their way, and I am looking forward to the voting box showing them the door.

Signed,

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