

Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Thatcher and members of the committee. My name is John Woods, a private citizen speaking for myself and on the behalf of the thousands of hard working, Constitutionally compliant gun owners across Oregon, who couldn't be here to testify.

I and the people I have contacted or who have contacted me fiercely oppose any and all bills that will infringe or attempt to abolish or rescind our Second Amendment Rights. SB 978 is an unconstitutional grab for law abiding citizens rights protected by the Bill of Rights.

For the last five or six years, we have been unwilling participants in the utopian Trojan horse narrative that my lawfully owned guns stored in my locked home, need to be seized or locked up because they somehow endanger children. Unless these children break into my house, break into my safe/lockbox and steal my guns, which is three blatant crimes from my count, they will never encounter these guns. Safety is the mantra used to cloak citizen disarmament and ultimately Citizen genocide.

I would like to start an end my testimony with this statement.

..." it is nevertheless an arresting reality that not one of the principal genocides of the twentieth century, and there have been dozens, has been inflicted on a population that was armed." Eileen F. Toplansky June 1, 2018. American Thinker

This is an excerpt from an American Thinker article by Eileen F. Toplansky published June 1, 2018. In the article Ms. Toplansky provides direct correlation between Genocide and disarming the population. We will get to that in a little while.

For years we have heard, that all this gun control legislation was for safety, to prevent suicides, and use of a firearm in a domestic dispute. But in late 2017 and early 2018, the gun control fanatics have finally unmasked themselves. Their stated intent now is to disarm law abiding citizens. Ms. Toplansky article concludes, that a disarmed populace eventually leads to Genocide.

In 1911, Turkey established gun control. From 1915 to 1917, 1.5 million Christian Armenians were rounded up and exterminated.

In 1929, the Soviet Union established gun control. From 1929 to 1953, 20 million dissidents were rounded up and murdered.

In 1938, Germany established gun control. From 1939 to 1945, 13 million Jews and others were rounded up and exterminated.

In 1935 China established gun control. From 1948 to 1952, 20 million political dissidents were rounded up and exterminated.

In 1956, Cambodia established gun control. From 1975 to 1977, 1 million educated people were rounded up and exterminated.

In 1964, Guatemala established gun control. From 1981 to 1984, 100,000 Mayan Indians were rounded up and exterminated.

In 1970, Uganda established gun control. From 1971 to 1979, 300,000 Christians were rounded up and exterminated.

In 1994 The Rwandan genocide, also known as the genocide against the Tutsi,[2] was a genocidal mass slaughter of Tutsi in Rwanda by members of the Hutu majority government. An estimated 500,000–1,000,000 Rwandans were killed during the 100-day period from April 7 to mid-July 1994,[1] constituting as many as 70% of the Tutsi population.

In Poland, Hungary, Lithuania, Czechoslovakia, Romania, Bulgaria, East Germany before these countries were rolled into the Soviet bloc, gun clubs were systematically shut down, people were stripped of their firearms and their rights to own or bear firearms. All the guns were confiscated by the government and the free people in these countries were enslaved behind walls and barbed wire fences.

We always hear Moms Demand Action, Ceasefire Oregon and Everytown scoffing about the claims that they are looking to disarm gun owners and a genocide or mass killing can't happen here. Well it did happen here.

On the morning of December 29, 1890, the U.S. Cavalry troops went into the camp to disarm the Lakota. The gun confiscation went very wrong and by the time the massacre was over, more than 150 men, women, and children of the Lakota had been killed and 51 were wounded Twenty-five soldiers also died, and 39 were wounded (6 of the wounded later died).

So during the gun confiscation of 1890 at least 175 people were killed as a result of the decision to confiscate the Lakota Sioux guns. Now we have Moms Demand Action, Ceasefire Oregon and Everytown for gun Safety claiming this gun confiscation is about protecting citizens safety. Our question is whose safety are they really worried about? They are certainly not worried about law abiding citizens safety or police officers tasked to confiscate legally owned guns. They are willing to have Wounded Knee massacres and the death of law abiding citizens and law enforcement officers, to further their cause.

According to former Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens and 39% of Democrats polled in a Washington Times poll, it is time to repeal the Second Amendment and disarm law abiding gun owners under the guise of safety.

There have been dozens of genocidal massacres in the twentieth century against unarmed citizens and not one against an armed populace. I am sorry with this knowledge of history, and knowing that this disarming of the citizens invariably leads to Genocide. I am not going to turn in, register or surrender my guns. or willingly participate in preparing the citizens for Genocide. If I am to be murdered by the state, I will be standing on my Second Amendment Rights when it happens, it will not be on my knees as Moms Demand Action, Ceasefire Oregon and Everytown for Gun Safety desire. I oppose SB978 for two reasons, first you do not have the power to abolish any rights stated in the Bill of Rights. Second It has been pointed out in this testimony Genocide inevitably follows disarmament, with that knowledge I decline to participate.

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Good morning Ladies and Gentlemen. Chairman Prozanski , Vice Chair Thatcher and members of the committee. My name is John Woods, I am an Oregonian, a private citizen, a veteran and a law abiding gun owner. I am speaking against any bill that infringes on our rights to own a gun and specifically SB978

If Patrick Henry were alive today, he would nail a copy of the Bill of Rights to the front door of this Capitol building, so you can read it and see that you do not have the power to abolish or rescind any of the the Amendments listed in the Bill of Rights, bottom line YOU DON'T HAVE THE REACH OR THE POWER TO CHANGE THE BILL OF RIGHTS, AND NEVER WILL !

If this or any other of these gun control bills get through the process and become law, here is what I will guarantee is going to happen, it will be challenged in court and the Supreme Court of the United States when they hear it will send it back to you with a handwritten note in red pen that says " NO !!!! Why are you wasting our time on this unconstitutional gibberish.

The Second Amendment states " the people's rights to bear arms will not be infringed." The Fourth Amendment states " the people shall be safe from unwarranted search's and seizures." And the Fifth Amendment states " the people's property cannot be seized without due process." and " the people cannot be forced to incriminate themselves." With these rights spelled out and the power and scope of your office falling way short of being able to rescind or abolish any Amendments I WILL NOT COMPLY

I own firearms so according to MDA and Ceasefire Oregon, without any corroborating evidence they say I am a criminal and a danger to others around me. I find that claim both laughable and insulting. I haven't even had a parking ticket much less being a criminal. I take these accusations of being a psychopath or sociopath personally. Yet I am accused or suspected of being a psycho killer because I own firearms.

When has fear and worry set public policy? When has accusation replaced trust and belief in your fellow man? These people offer no evidence that I or any other of the legal gun owners in Oregon are planning mass shootings, yet they publish it in the media, in these hearings. I challenge them right now to show their evidence to OSP, so OSP can interdict this action. If these people cannot produce evidence of said massacre. Then they are operating out of fear or lying or both and spreading that unrealistic fear across the state. When did guilty before being proved innocent become the standard in Oregon?

My final points: Since you do not have the power or the reach to change or abolish the Bill of Rights " I WILL NOT COMPLY ! I WILL NOT PLEAD GUILTY TO SOMETHING I HAVE NOT DONE, NOR WILL I SURRENDER MY FREEDOM, RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES TO LEGISLATIVE TYRANTS.

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Good morning Chair Prozanski and Vice Chair Thatcher My name is John Woods, I am an Oregonian, a private citizen and also lead an organization BRPS. Late last year we asked a question to gun owners. If there is a law passed banning ARs, high capacity magazines, semi automatics or ghost guns, will you comply? Not one gun owner said they will comply, with any of these proposals. Not one said they will voluntarily disarm or turn in any banned gun items. So we strongly and fiercely oppose SB978: and any other bill that would infringe, abolish or rescind our rights spelled out in the Bill of Rights.

Since the gun owners have rights spelled out in the Second Amendment, Fourth Amendment and Fifth Amendment in the Bill of Rights, and since your state office and the reach of your office is only at the state level. Any law or bill you pass infringing or taking rights spelled out in the Bill of Rights will be deemed Unconstitutional.

Historically these actions you are contemplating are ineffective at best and extremely dangerous. We would like to highlight the book Gun Control in Occupied France by Stephen Halbrook specifically page 203 it reads in part:

“ There were three million hunting guns in France FR in 1939, according to Saint-Hubert-Club de France, a hunting association. After the Nazi takeover and occupation 1940-44, some 715,000 were surrendered by their owners in the occupied zone. In the zone that was not occupied until 1942, 120,000 guns were turned into French authorities. The hunting guns not surrendered, were if not lost or stolen, hidden by their owners and in some cases used by the Resistance. That means only 835,000 of three million hunting guns, less than one third, were turned in by French citizens threatened with the death penalty for not doing so. This is a incredible testimony to the inefficacy of gun control in extreme circumstances.”

To be absolutely clear , Gun control by legislation doesn't work, even under threat of death. Less than a third (835,000) of the guns were turned in, the rest (2,165,000) disappeared, they were hidden and ready for use if necessary. All this legislative action in Salem on guns results in hidden guns and an armed resistance to these gun control dictates. History is quite clear about these facts. Some gun owners will comply, but most will not.

And we would like to also address a “ ghost gun ban “ that some seem to think is a good idea. First since these guns do not exist in any system, my question is: How do you ban or find something that does not exist? If the expectation is that gun owners will willingly turn in their ghost guns, the actions of an armed populace in the face of a death sentence previously mentioned quickly dispels that foolish hope. If the goal is to confiscate the firearms by force. it means that every crawlspace, attic, cellar, shed, closet, garage, and under every bed in the state of Oregon would need to be searched. These actions would result in a large number of armed confrontations between police officers and law abiding guns owners. Are we really ready to see large numbers of casualties and deaths to try and implement a unconstitutional gun ban that will not stand a Supreme Court challenge?

The Maquis (French resistance) became very creative and deadly with booby traps and other devices. If the Legislatures plan is to enforce Unconstitutional laws with police forces and armed confiscation, you are placing a large number of Oregon Police Officers and Oregon citizens into dangerous confrontational situations. Once you declare war on Oregon's law abiding gun owners there is no going back.

Trying to disarm gun owners by legislation results in hidden guns not a decrease in the number of guns. Thousands of Law abiding gun owners are saying NO! we will not disarm.

Amendment IV

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

I oppose SB978 and ask you to vote against this poorly written, badly crafted unconstitutional bill.

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