

March 28th, 2019

The Honorable Peter Courtney
900 Court St. NE, S-201, Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: SB978 and Dash 1 Amendment to SB978

Dear Honorable Senator Courtney:

My name is Thomas Lasonde and I am citizen who resides in Oregon. I hope you are recovering from your eye condition. I was the gentlemen that emailed you about suffering from a similar condition due to Hashimoto Thyroid Disease and wishing you a speedy recovery. I mentioned to you that with going gluten free my eyes began to heal and the flare ups are all but gone. I do hope Jessica forwarded my message to you as she promised.

I'm writing to you today regarding a different kind of flare up I'm having, one caused by bills which intend to strip away my rights. As a USAF veteran and citizen of Oregon I vehemently oppose SB978 and the Dash 1 Amendment to that bill for the following key reasons:

1. It's utterly and completely over-the-top. It takes a lot for me to write my Senators, but this one is too much.
2. Infringes upon my 2nd Amendment rights given to me by God and written into our Constitution by our forefathers of this great nation.
3. Makes it in possible to defend myself and my family, in my own home, when all my firearms would be required to be locked up. The bad guy with gun will kill us before having a chance to unlock my firearm. This is UNACCEPTABLE.
4. If someone steals my locked weapons from my home, then commits a crime with my weapons, I'm liable. This is basically a back-door way of making it impossible to own a firearm as the cost from potential lawsuits would be life changing. This is UNACCEPTABLE.
5. Proposes to ban CHL carriers from public buildings and airport parking lots/grounds. Stop taking away the rights of the most trusted and trained citizens. Focus your efforts on the criminal factions coming across our borders and into our state. Stop with the power grab. This is UNACCEPTABLE.

You would be interested in knowing that I didn't take advantage of my 2nd Amendment Rights until moving here five years ago. I realized that if we ever experienced the Cascadian earthquake we would be a 3rd world country for 3 to 12 months, much like Puerto Rico. I realized I needed a few firearms to protect my family, home, water and food, against those that are not moral and ethical like we are. I took firearm ownership very seriously and took extensive training, joined a gun club to practice, took the CHL training, and obtained my license to carry. I can almost guarantee you the nefarious types in our state will not do the same as I did.

I would appreciate it if you would consider my feedback in your decision-making process and vote no on SB978. I would respectfully request that you respond to this letter. If you would like to discuss flare ups caused by SB978, or autoimmune issues, I'd be happy to talk to you. I can be reached at the number below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas Lasonde". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "T".

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