

Dear Senate Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing to oppose Senate Bill 978 It is yet another bill designed to undermine second amendment rights and add unusual burden to citizens adhering to current laws.

Mandatory firearm storage has no place in our laws with regard to personal residences, firearm transportation laws. Storage laws as written inhibit the right for security within our own homes and is a clear over reach by sponsors of this Bill.

Denying our second amendment rights to those under the age of 21 is onerous to law abiding and voting age citizens. Current laws are more than sufficient as-is addressing those under 21 years of age. It is a slippery slope to restrict minor's abilities to manage firearms for activities such as hunting, target and shooting competitions. There was a time when shooting skills were honored activities and high school team's rifle ranges were often located in the confines of the school basements or local armories. I personally spent many hours practicing in a Portland high school basement rifle range. Students managed firearms with safety and respect.

Gun free zones as they currently exist are sufficient and frankly additional restrictions are not required. Law abiding citizens (licensed concealed carry) exercising their rights to self-protection and second amendment rights. Increasing fees for concealed carry is yet another attempt to erode law abiding citizens from exercising their rights under the law.

If those sponsoring the Bill 978 cannot successfully change the laws they attempt to dissuade by burdensome economics and bureaucracy. Bill 978 is poorly written with malice intent to burden law abiding citizens.

I encourage you to categorically reject Bill 978 and stand up to those special interest groups determined to bully law abiding citizens that embrace our second amendment rights.

Best regards,

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Concerned citizen for our second amendment rights.