

I grew up in Oregon and attended a “Hunter Safety” class in the seventh grade. The class was taught at school, by my math teacher. Yes, he brought guns to school—and we were far safer then than we are today.

Members of the Oregon Legislature took the Oath of Office, which involves swearing to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Oregon.

According to the Oregon Constitution, “The people shall have the right to bear arms for the defense of themselves.” The Constitution of the United States says that “...the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.”

The term “infringe” means “to break or ignore the terms or obligations of (an oath, agreement, law, or the like); to disregard; violate. To go beyond the boundaries or limits of; trespass; encroach.”

Each of you took the Oath of Office. Please keep your promise by opposing SB 978, which infringes upon the rights of the people of Oregon to keep and bear arms.

Thank you.

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