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Dear Senate Judiciary Committee,

I would like to submit my opposition to Senate Bill 978, in particular the "Dash 1" amendment. The terms included in this bill are contrary to the Constitution of the United States and of Oregon. All of the additional terms simply serve to add unnecessary government control over citizens without the added benefit of demonstrably adding to anyone's safety. It is the role of government to protect the people and not infringe on the rights of the people. This bill would make criminals out of otherwise law abiding citizens who are exercising their rights.

The fact that the amendment to this bill is substantially longer than the original bill itself makes this feel like a gut-and-stuff bill trying to hide the purpose of the bill behind an amendment.

We need to prosecute criminals with the laws we already have. It is already illegal to commit crimes against another person using a firearm or other weapon. We don't need more restrictions on inanimate objects. Leave our rights alone.

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