

My name is Jonathan Gilbert. I am a retired electrical engineer and marketing professional and a CCL holder.

I oppose SB 978 as it is designed to primarily restrict my rights and the rights of law-abiding citizens. The storage restrictions severely constrain my ability to protect myself and my family. When seconds count, the police are minutes away. The limitations on where a responsible citizen may carry a weapon makes daily carrying difficult, even with a license. Designating gun-free zones likewise only serves to give criminals notice that they cannot be resisted in that area. Purchase restrictions impact mostly the law-abiding since criminals don't obey laws and circumvent them easily.

My first responsibility is to protect my family. The Constitution asserts that I have a natural right, not a government-granted right, to be armed in that endeavor. The Supreme Court agrees.

I am no longer willing to support politically-correct "common sense" measures toward gun control. They represent progressive erosion of our rights toward the end-game of a practical ban on private gun ownership and use by making them costly, complex and rare. **Instead I support with both money and my vote a constitutionally-correct 2nd amendment end-game wherein "The right to keep and bear arms shall not be not infringed."**

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