

Greetings legislators,

I am writing you today to declare my opposition to SB978. This bill has been amended with a 44 page addition that violates my rights and shouldn't be passed. First off, if you want 16 year old the ability to vote in our elections, then that should be the age for firearm purchases. Regarding firearm storage, if we are required to keep firearms and ammunition under lock and key, that will hinder a persons ability to defend themselves and their family in the event a person commits armed robbery (or worse). In addition to that, you want to make the victim of a robbery liable for two years if they don't report their firearm stolen within a specific amount of time. If a vehicle is stolen, will the owner be held liable if they don't report the vehicle stolen? This infringement on our rights is getting out of hand! It seems like you are insistent on making felons of peaceful citizens by proposing these laws, some of which have not gone to committee. These bills should not be passed. You all took an oath to the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of Oregon. Both specifically state that we, the people have the right to bear arms. Please stop this infringement on my rights, that are guaranteed by the Constitution. I urge you to vote NO on SB978.

Thank You,

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