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Chairman Sen. Floyd Prozanski and the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

The term “gun violence” is a misnomer. Guns are a tool and violence is a physical action. Did Cain use “rock violence” to kill Abel?

- Oregon averages 456 deaths a years where a gun was the tool. This represents .00010% of Oregon’s population. The gun doesn’t kill people. People kill people .  
**SB 978** targets a tool not the problem.
- 83% of these of these deaths where suicides. This represents .000090% of Oregon’s population. Oregon has one of the highest suicide rates in the US. **SB 978** does not address suicide in Oregon. People will simply find another tool.
- **SB 978** is unconstitutional under both Oregon’s Article 1, Section 27 and the Second Amendment. SB 978 will not stand up under judiciary review at the Federal level.
- **SB 978** will instantly create 100,000’s of thousands of new felons out of otherwise law abiding Oregonian’s. We will not comply
- **SB 978** will widen the urban /rural divide in Oregon. The majority of people in 27 of Oregon’s 32 counties are rural and do not support this type of overreach or the super majorities ideology.
- **SB 978** subjugates Oregonians to the will of a majority. This bill divides Oregon.
- **SB 978** will necessitate the building of massive prisons or camps to house legal gun owners.
- Simply, **SB 978** isn’t about gun control, it’s about control of the minority.

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