

I am writing in opposition to SB 978, not only do I oppose this bill, but the manner in which it is being presented. The description of this bill, "Directs Department of State Police to conduct study on reporting of attempted unlawful firearm transfers and present report on findings to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to judiciary on or before September 15, 2020.", is very misleading. Per the Statesman Journal, it actually includes safe storage language, age restrictions, and more. If you are going to try to trample my second amendment rights, at least be honest and upfront about it. This bill is an infringement of law abiding citizens' second amendment rights. Time, attention, money, resources would be far better spent on punishing criminals and those that have no respect for the law rather than innocent and law abiding Oregonians. Education on gun safety, absolutely; resources to help those who are mentally ill, you bet: punishing a law abiding citizen who has been a victim of property theft by making the victim responsible if the firearm is used by the criminal or anyone else, unacceptable. Please stop spending all this time and money to restrict the gun sales and usage of law abiding citizens, to attack our rights to keep and bear arms and instead try working together to solve the actual issues regarding criminal behavior, mental illness, and those that attempt to circumvent or break the existing gun laws. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,
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