

Dear Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

I am writing submitting this written testimony to offer **my personal support** for SB 981-8, an amendment to HB 978.

The National Council of Churches, in calling for additional legislation at the federal and state level to address gun violence, has noted that: "We have become a nation at war with ourselves and numbed to the sacredness of human life."

Furthermore, the 20th General Synod of the United Church of Christ lamented gun violence in the United States and called for legislative remedies.

The proposed actions are common sense, in no way extreme, and will help prevent gun violence in Oregon. Young people, in particular, will benefit from these changes to Oregon law.

There are no onerous restrictions in the legislation. The proposed steps will make Oregon a safer community, and so I strongly urge the Senate Judiciary Committee to pass SB 978-1.

Sincerely,

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