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I am writing in opposition of HB 978 proposed ammendment 14732. I am a registerd voter in rural Lake County. Until recently we had only 4-5 sheriff's deputies and 3 or 4 OSP officers to patrol our whole county, and Town of Lakeview. There are many elements of this ammendment whichI appose but will only mention two or three. Having to have a self defense weapon locked pretty much negates the "self defense". If the law abiding citizen has to lock ther self defense weapon do you really believe the criminal is gong to abide by this law? Many felones have guns that they cannot legally buy! Also do you really believe a cougar, bear, wolf are going to stop and wait while the law abiding citizen unlocks their gun. Have any of you people seen what a Cougar does to a goat, or a bobcat does to a chicken? Unfortunately my 12 year old and 8 year old grandkids have. Do you think that cougar will wait while the law abiding citizen unlocks their gun? If I buy a gun legally, back ground check etc and someone breaks in my home and steals that gun it is my understanding I can be held liable if that gun is used in a crime. Is this just one more way to NOT make the criminal responsible for their actions?. But once again punshes the law abiding citizen. For me self protection includes someone breaking into my home, I live out of town and by the time a police officer could get here I could be dead! Also protection for my livestock from predators, including coyotes, bears, cougars, and now wolves.

Instead of taking guns rights from responsible citizens lets find a way to punish the criminal gun holder other than PROBATION. Make it a real crime with jail time for those illegally selling and possessing a gun.

I as a voter in the STATE of OREGON am opposed to this bill and ammendment and hope my voice is heard.

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