

I am writing in regards to the public hearing on April 2, 2019 for Senate Bill 978.

I felt it was important to contact you to let you know that I have emailed each member of the Judiciary Committee conducting that public hearing expressing my disagreement with almost every item that was thrown in to the amendment (that we know of). I'm disappointed with the short time provided to prepare for that hearing. The amendment was not presented until less than a week before. It appears to be mostly a rehash of last years Initiative Petition 44 and other failed gun control attempts.

Please do not support Senate Bill 978 as amended.

I understand that the people that write these laws want to help make things better and often use the term "common sense", but these proposals do not make sense as every element of the amendment to this bill is predicated on people following the law to the letter. These new elements of firearm laws will only affect those that will follow the letter of the law. The bad guys of the past and the future will not be effected!

I am 64 years old. I was a career firefighter/Paramedic for over 30 years. I am a member of the Oregon Hunters Association, Mule Deer Foundation and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. I worked for the Federal Government agencies most of my adult life. I know something about law enforcement and I know a lot about a wide range of types of people. I have lived in Oregon all my life and was raised in a house with guns in the house. They were not a big mysterious monster of great interest. They were just there to be used as the tool that they are. Five of us were raised in that house with those guns on the wall and not one time did they create a problem. Not once did anyone bother them, mishandle or otherwise misuse them. We were all taught to use them safely and respect that use from an early age.

Again these proposed amendments only punish those of us that are trying to do the right thing. They do little or nothing to change the behavior of those who couldn't care less what is or isn't lawful. Many of these will especially hurt young sportsmen and sportswomen.

Please do not vote for or further Senate Bill 978!

Thank you,  
Bob Dixon