

I write in objection to SB978 and wish my comments recorded for this Public Hearing scheduled for 4/2.

I oppose this legislation in concept and practical application...

You are;

1) placing further demands on our already over-worked and under-staffed OSP.

And

2) Attempting to erode 2nd Amendment rights for law-abiding citizens with additional laws... when resources to effectively prosecute and incarcerate offenders of existing gun laws and criminal offenders are inadequate.

...and in conclusion, you simply cannot legislate common sense, decency and responsibility. There are thousands of harmful situations and things in our world.

At the risk of sounding trivial, I would submit your common household items in the kitchen, laundry room and garage cause more damage, injury and death per year than any firearm. Falling from a ladder or cutting your self with a kitchen knife is far more likely. Death to both children and adults occurs by motor vehicle and bicycle operations. By some of this logic, you should require kitchen knives and keys to automobiles be locked up to avoid access by children...

The extreme approach to social issues by those in Salem now, will pay a price in the future for not listening to those of us who feel differently about these things than you do. Keeping us safe from criminals should be your priority...not further

restricting and attempting to penalize those you have disdain for. This is not serving your citizens, state or American principles.

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