

**Presentation to the  
Subcommittee on Judiciary  
April 1, 2019**

Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher, and Members of the Committee:

Good morning and thank you for this opportunity to talk to you about SB 978.

My name is Charity Haskins. I am a single mother, a resident of Dallas, Oregon, and in my professional career work with vulnerable Protected Persons.

While I am new to working with Protected Persons (3 ½ years now), I'm not new to parenting. I am 40 years old and have two boys ages 16 and 6. I am a single parent who graduated summa cum laude in January 2015 with a Bachelor of Science in Human Services with an emphasis in Child Welfare & Family, and a minor in Legal Studies. I am not some redneck who flashes guns around irresponsibly. I am a law abiding citizen who cares deeply for my family and will protect them at all costs.

I am gravely concerned about the proposed Bill 978. I am a single parent who works full time in Salem in conservatorship helping protected persons but do not make a lot of money. I cannot afford to hire body guards like some politicians can. I rely on my second amendment right to bear arms to protect myself and my family from criminals and violent offenders that may try to break into my home. As a single mother I am a huge target for criminals of many kinds. Do you want to be responsible for the kidnapping and rape of Oregonian children who will be targeted by the traffickers? I for one can't bear that though for my children which is why I bear arms - LEGALLY!

This law violates the inalienable right of all Oregonians to defend themselves and their families. Disarming law-abiding citizens is inviting violence into our communities and our homes. Gun-free zones are invitations to mass shootings and attacking law-abiding Oregonians isn't going to make anyone safer. In fact,

it will put us in danger. I plead you to vote that you will not compromise on the Second Amendment.

It is unconstitutional to remove my second amendment rights or keep passing laws that prevent me from what the Constitution allows me to do to protect myself and my family. Our right to bear arms is being chipped away at by those of you who do not listen to the people who voted you into office to represent US.

**As someone who voted you into your position I would appreciate if you honored the peoples wishes by voting NO on SB 978.**

Thank you for your time.  
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