

My name is Henry Harder, I'm a college student and perspective Law student. I come here today in opposition to senate bill 978. I've been an advocate of the second amendment since I first became interested in the law, I believe, as it reads in the constitution that it is necessary for the security of a free state.

The issue with Senate Bill 978 is that it is a dangerous first step for the government to track and monitor the transfer of firearms. I believe that Legislators, in their advocacy for what they see as "common sense" have missed a fundamental factor of the second amendment, that it is for individuals to be able to protect themselves against tyranny. Even if this bill is unassuming at first, it represents a gradual legislative erosion of the right to bear arms as a part of a larger precession of anti-gun bills in the legislature this session. As a young person who one day wants to build a life for myself worth protecting, I encourage you to vote against this bill that threatens that vision.