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To all members of the committee I want to share my opposition to SB-978 and its 44 page amendment. As a law abiding citizen of the United States I find it repulsively sickening when my rights are trying to be stripped away by the State I live in. Law abiding citizens are not the problem. This proposed bill would limit the ability of a CHL holder to adequately defend themselves if needed and also create burdensome and needless red tape and new laws to a system that works just fine as it is. CHL holders do not need other governmental jurisdictions telling them where they can legally carry a firearm. The amendment is a monstrosity of ambiguous anti-gun legislation that is in other bills being pushed through the Senate and the House against the citizens of Oregon. Stop treading on our rights. Start following the Constitution. If you want to truly help then educate people on firearm ownership and safety. You don't need thousands of pages of new laws, just a little common sense and follow these simple steps.

- 1. Always keep the firearm pointed in a safe direction.
- 2. Treat all firearms as if they are loaded.
- 3. Keep your finger off the trigger until lined up on the target.
- 4. Know your target and your backstop.
- 5. Store guns so they are not accessible to unauthorized persons.