

SB 978 - Directs Department of State Police to conduct study on reporting of attempted unlawful firearm transfers and present report on findings to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to judiciary on or before September 15, 2020.

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TO: Senate Judiciary Committee - sjud.exhibits@oregonlegislature.gov

FROM: Carol Williams

DATE: April 1, 2019

Please accept this letter as my formal testimony for SB 978

I am a born and raised Oregonian. I have lived in this state for 71 years. I have grown up around guns all my life. Senate bill 978 is egregious to Oregonians. You will NOT make Oregon safer by putting these onerous restrictions on legal gun owners. Criminals already do not obey laws. Why would you try and penalize those who DO obey laws? Because in reality that is what the 44 page amendment does.

Banning CHL holders from certain buildings? People who have obtained CHL's have gone through extensive background checks with the local Sheriff. To penalize CHL holders who have passed a background check demonstrates that there is little faith in background checks. It is a fact that .0002% of CHL holders have ever committed a crime.

Before you sign off on any new confiscatory or overreaching legislation regarding "large capacity" magazines, or firearms in general you may want to read the federal court decision handed down in the last few days which declares unconstitutional California's ban on "high capacity" magazines and negates it in its entirety. The very scholarly and detailed analysis of citizens' rights under the Second Amendment is likely to set the precedent for any new legislation you might pass. The court took a dim view of arbitrary and unsupported limitations on citizens' rights, and on jurisdictions that base legislation on popular but questionable research. You may be wasting your time crafting such legislation.

As an elderly woman, I find your disdain for gun owners abhorrent. You swore to uphold the Constitution of the United States and Oregon. This bill is 100% against the constitution! Please honor your oath of office.

Respectfully,

Carol Williams