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Dear members of the Oregon Senate Judiciary Committee,

I write this testimony in opposition to senate bill 978 for simple reasons. I am an American and a father to two young Americans with futures in this Country. We're the only Country on God's green earth with an absolute and enumerated right to keep and bear arms. For good reason.

Our forefathers were wise men who saw into the future and knew the dangers and tyranny that modernity would offer. The 2nd Amendment keeps us more free and more independent than any other nation.

I want to keep it that way for my children as well and that includes their right to keep and bear arms as they grow and raise families. ANY infringement of the 2nd Amendment means you are disarming regular law abiding citizens and is unacceptable. This and every other similar bill filed are unconstitutional and will be fought as such.

Why would you trade the safety and freedom we enjoy for less of both? Are the people on this committee considering a yes vote on 978 doing it for their media masters or the rabid socialist minority? How far will the power hungry political creatures in the Oregon and D.C. swamp go to control the individual citizen? Therein lies the essence of the problem - we know how much control politicians like to exercise on regular working people all over the world.

We have seen the way that regular citizens are treated in countries that ARE NOT well armed like American citizens. Those examples from (Germany, Russia, Venezuela) and hundreds of others are MORE than reason enough for our Country and citizens to NEVER give up our firearms to politicians. After I send Rep. Kurt Schrader packing in 2020 you can bet my first act in Congress will be to support Federal preemption on unconstitutional garbage legislation like this. With all due respect, we won't give the socialist gun grabbers an inch and we'll bring the lawsuits guaranteed.

I would urge each and EVERY one of you to vote against this bill. Show the citizens you understand the Constitution and respect our rights and freedoms. Or don't and show us who is pulling your strings.

Thank you Chair, Vice Chair and committee members.

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