

Good Afternoon,

I am writing in reference to the proposed amendments to SB 978 concerning firearms restrictions. I strongly oppose all proposed amendments based on the United States Constitution, Oregon Constitution, and the obvious violations of mine and all Oregonian's constitutional rights. This amendment is littered with age discrimination, rights violations, and also based on non-factual data inconsistent with its proposals.

These amendments strip my constitutional rights to be ready to defend myself at all times. This amendment essentially guarantees that I do not have control of the safety of my family and myself as it restricts my ability to concealed carry, and requires extensive locks and storage of firearms at home that make it physically impossible for me to possess my firearm for self defense in the event of an intruder/home invasion.

The amendments also create the inability for protection in public areas by restricting concealed carry. There is no data to support murders or violent crimes committed by legal concealed carry persons on public premises. What this amendment truly does is present an unfair advantage to those who wish to break the law and cause harm as there will be no ability to defend oneself because law abiding citizens will not be able to concealed carry for self defense. This does not create "safe zones" this creates opportunistic "victim zones" for those who wish to do extensive harm.

There are clear age discrimination's to voting age Americans/Oregonians who have the God given and constitutional backed right to purchase a firearm at 18. These Americans/Oregonians have the right to vote, must register in selective service, and are of age to voluntarily join the military forces and subsequently are eligible to fight in war for our freedoms at 18 years of age. There is no evidence to support that raising the age will prevent or reduce any crime committed by firearms. I served over 12 years of honorable service to our armed forces having joined at 18 years of age and having possessed firearms including extensive concealed carry without incidence for over 16 years. I have spent extensive time in Afghanistan defending American freedoms from evil humans and do not wish to give up any of my rights to self preservation and self defense. Evil exists and looks for every opportunity to strike and law abiding American/Oregonian citizens should have all rights and means to defend themselves from such evils at all times.

All in all, this amendment has extensive federal 2nd amendment constitutional rights violations as well as Oregon state constitutional violations under Article 1 Section 27. I ask that you do not support SB 978 amendments that strip Oregonians of our constitutional rights to defend ourselves and furthermore please oppose all legislation that attempts to prevent, delay, ban, or in any way hinder our rights to self defense by any means.

Sincerely,
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