

Senators,

I am writing this morning because the language in SB-978 is a blatant attack on the inalienable rights of all Oregonians. The changes to our rights, called for in this bill, will NOT save lives, and in fact, will cost lives. The resulting attack on law-abiding citizens will only bring about undue and ridiculous burdens. Oregon gun owners have done nothing to deserve the unconstitutional derailment of their rights, which is exactly what is being considered with this bill.

Millions of gun owners in this state use responsibly every day the items that are being considered for restrictions. The minute number of *individuals* that choose to use these items for harm must be punished for *their* actions, and it is notably irrational to punish the overwhelming majority of Oregon citizens that exhibit no inclination to misuse these inanimate objects in this manner. It is notably unrealistic and short-sighted to limit the law-abiding while taking literally zero action to reprimand those who break the laws. Murder is already illegal.

What is being proposed at this time is out of alignment with the guidelines, statutes, and laws that define how our country is to operate. We are presumed innocent. We have not been proven guilty. Our rights are not to be altered, and our Bill of Rights demands exactly that. Any deviation from that truth is an affront to our republic and the citizens that exist within it.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,
John Geier