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Oregon legislators,

My name is Jacqueline Martinez, and I am a resident of Portland, OR.

I am a highly educated and motivated Hispanic woman, which did not come easy growing up in poverty. Today, I proudly hold a degree in Human Biology from Stanford University and a Master's in Neurobiology from the University of Texas at San Antonio.

For over 6 years, I have worked as a cancer researcher at the Knight Cancer Institute. I support several non-profits in Oregon. I am also proud to be a Latina female in a sport enjoyed by Oregonians of every class and race: competitive shooting.

This is a sport recognized around the world. Oregon has a legacy that has produced numerous national, world, and Olympic champions for many decades.

I am writing in opposition of Oregon bill SB 978. This bill is unfair and would make innocent citizens such as myself and these champion Oregonians into criminals with a stroke of a pen. This is unfair, unconstitutional, and non-progressive. I was under the impression that Democratic Oregon legislators wanted less people in prison, not more, and especially not law-abiding citizens.

SB 978 shows a great deal of ignorance about firearms and the sporting firearm community in general. We can all agree that bills which are ignorant of the subject they are legislating should not be introduced, let alone passed.

Sport shooting is practiced by people of every race and occupation. It transcends racial, gender, and class barriers, and the community is one of the most open communities that I belong to. The sport promotes good character and friendship.

As a woman of color, I rely on my Second Amendment rights for self-

defense. I am a survivor of violence, and the Constitution's firm stance against the infringement of the right to bear arms makes me feel secure and proud to be a citizen of the best country in the world.

I have never committed a crime. I positively contribute to the Oregon economy, as well as this state's diversity. If SB 978 passes, Oregon will lose me as a resident, since I will be forced to move to continue my sport and defend myself.

Please do not criminalize the most law-abiding citizens in the state.

Thank you for your thoughtful attention.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Martinez

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