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Please consider this email as my testimony regarding SB 978-1 and its proposed amendments. ***I am opposed to SB 978-1 and request that it not be approved in committee or given any further consideration.*** In support of my position I offer the following:

1) Page 1 Line 3: I object to the language "declaring an emergency". There is no emergency that requires subverting the normal legislative process. ***Go through the regular legislative process and don't use omnibus bills like this to cover a myriad of issues.***

2) Section 1 Page 1 Line 11: I object to discrimination on the basis of age. If a person or firm does not want to interact in a commercial capacity with individuals who have reached the age of majority, yet are 21 years or younger, and the individual is otherwise legal in every regard to participate in such commercial interaction, then the person or firm should discontinue commercial interaction with all age levels. Old enough to vote, serve in the military and be tried as an adult, people aged 18 and older are old enough to purchase firearms. The age of majority in Oregon should remain 18 and should not be subject to legislatively approved discrimination. ***Eliminate the section and don't legalizing discrimination based on age.***

3) Section 7 Page 7 Lines 15-17: Except where a minor has committed the act, you can not make someone else liable (let alone strictly liable) for the acts of another person. Specific to Section 7, you can not hold someone liable for the acts of another simply because a piece of property (i.e., a tool) wasn't transferred as prescribed by law. ***Eliminate the section and references to liability by the transferor.***

4) Section 8 Page 8 Lines 5-12: Simply because a person fails to report a loss or a theft, does not make them responsible for the acts of others. You can not hold someone liable (let alone strictly liable) for the acts of another person, whether those acts are lawful or not. ***Eliminate the section and references to liability by the owner who lost or had their firearm stolen.***

5) Section 13 Page 10 Lines 23-27: I like the idea of a sign reminding people of

their responsibility for proper storage as part of responsible gun ownership. This is the one portion of SB 978-1 I like. However, each responsible gun owner must decide for themselves what is best for their situation. There is no "one-size-fits-all" regarding safe storage since individual environments and needs vary substantially from person to person. ***Put the requirement for an advisory sign in gun stores in a separate, single-purpose bill and drop the language stipulating how firearms must be stored.***

6) Section 26 Page 35 Lines 8-18: This amendment demonstrates an attempt at profound governmental over-reach. Over-reach is being attempted here via distribution of power to local authorities to criminalize previously lawful activity by responsible gun owners, specifically CHL licensees.

Section 26 directly contradicts ORS 166.173 (2)(c) which precludes cities and counties from regulating firearms that are concealed carry by: "A person licensed to carry a concealed handgun". Regulations limiting where concealed handguns can be carried should only be made by the State of Oregon legislature as stated in "State Preemption" ORS 166.170. Giving such authority to cities, counties, and other local governmental or pseudo-governmental units will make it impossible for the CHL licensee to go about their daily activities without running up against some local regulation precluding their otherwise legal concealed carry. ***Section 26 and all references to it in SB 978 should be removed.***

Closing comment: The Oregon Health Authority reports that 8,506 abortions took place in Oregon during 2017. This number includes abortions performed on out-of-state residents but does not include abortions performed on Oregon residents in other states. For 2017, the number of abortions is more than 80 times the number of non-suicide firearm-related deaths.

The United States Constitution's Second Amendment is clear and succinct. *The State of Oregon needs to stop trying to infringe on its citizens right to bear arms. If the intent is to save lives, **stop focusing on infringing on the right to defend ourselves and focus on the unborn's right to life.***

Thank you,

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