

I oppose SB 978, and any further attempts to criminalize law abiding citizens like myself who are prudent, careful and conscientious with firearms. Criminalizing us has no affect on crime nor accidents in the real world, it only serves to infringe on good people. And it is no minor "inconvenience" -- you are talking about fines, imprisonment, and felonies being meted out for not complying.

There is a reason that preexisting natural or "God given" rights were enshrined in both our State and US Constitutions with regard to firearms. It is because those rights are off-limits to the vote of majorities or legislatures. No one gets to vote on my rights. My right to speak, to believe and think, and yes, to be armed as I wish. I retain them regardless of what others think. This is a founding principle of this country.

It may seem expedient to enact the provisions in this bill, but it is in no way based on reason or principle. It is only politics, and a very dangerous form of it.

"Necessity is the plea for every infringement of human freedom.

It is the argument of tyrants.

It is the creed of slaves."

— William Pitt, in the House of Commons - November 18, 1783

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