

April 2, 2019

Senate Committee on Judiciary

RE: SB 978-1 – **OPPOSED**

Chairman Prozanski and Committee,

"Free Men do not ask permission to bear arms" Thomas Jefferson

This bill is anti-American and Anti-Oregonian. The law abiding citizen or guns is not the problem, it's the evil in our society.

The way the bill is worded, eventually every law abiding gun owner will break the law on accident.

In my line of work, I have at least 1 rifle and or shotgun with me at all times for pests that I need to deal with. If I need to stop by a public building, according to this law if passed, my vehicle locked up is not considered to be a safe.

That is just one way a person could get into trouble.

I live out of town. It would take anywhere from 10 minutes to an hour or longer before Police could arrive, if I had a home invasion. I have guns close by for protection, in safe places but accessible. Under this bill, they'd be locked up and in a home invasion seconds can be the difference between life and death. I prefer life.

I trained my girls from the time they were old enough to learn that guns are always loaded no matter what. That is the #1 RULE. I did the same with their friends and will do the same with my grandkids and any other person who I think doesn't understand modern firearms.

The best thing we could do is have Eddie Eagle an NRA program in every elementary school and have hunter's safety required. Even if people educated through these programs never touch a gun, they would at least understand the safety that should be associated with all guns.

Thank you for your time and I ask that you oppose SB 978 with the dash 1 amendments.

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