

Testimony in **opposition** of SB 978-1
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My name is Cindy Test.

SB 978-1 is fundamentally and technically flawed.

SB 978-1 infringes on our Second Amendment rights.

SB 978-1 punishes law abiding citizens.

SB 978-1 won't address the true problem, which is a society problem, not a gun problem. We have become society that does not have the ability to cope with disappointment and rejection, no matter how small. We have become a society of hate and intolerance; a society that doesn't know how to treat each other with compassion and respect.

SB 978-1 doesn't do anything to punish those who commit crimes with firearms. Project Exile (1997 Richmond VA) is proof that prosecution of illegal gun possession offenses in federal court can work

SB978-1 won't have the desired result. Chicago has some of the strictest gun laws in the US, yet they have some of the highest gun deaths in the US.

SB 978-1 proposes to set a minimum age for firearm sales
This unfairly harasses young adults exercising their constitutional rights.

SB 978-1 interferes with our ability of self-defense.

Let me share a story with you of how Secured Storage could have left us childless. Shortly after we moved in our new house in rural Marion county, our 14 year old son called me after school. He said "I already called Grandpa. I think someone is breaking in to the house. I have Papa's shotgun and I'm in your bedroom." Obviously, I told him to call 911. At this point, you need to know two things: Grandpa was minutes away and, at 14 years old, our son was already better at handling and shooting firearms than most people in this room. The Secured Storage language in the -1 amendments would have prevented our son from accessing a firearm to defend himself from the people breaking into our house. It took 20-25 minutes for Marion County Sheriff respond; time that could have meant life or death for our son or my dad if they had not had quick access to a firearm.

SB 978-1 hospital reporting requirements go too far.

Why do you want to know about all injuries caused by firearms? Do you really want to know if I accidentally drop a gun on my foot and break a toe? Why do you want to know about ALL the procedures performed on the patient? That is a HIPPA violation.

The hospital reporting requirement could result in people not seeking treatment for injuries that need to be treated; which in turn could result in needless deaths.

The reporting should be limited to gunshot wounds and the treatment of gunshot wounds.

SB 978-1 proposes to raise concealed handgun license fees

Is there data to support the increased fees?

What does the existing fee cover? Does it include an FBI background check?

SB 978-1 proposes to allow local authorities to limit fire arms in public buildings

This infringes on my ability to self-defense. There are times when I take friends or relatives to the airport or pick them up at the airport, often at odd times of the day. This requires me to drive one leg of the trip by myself. If I happen to break down while driving by myself, I want to be able to defend myself.

I urge a NO vote on SB 978-1.