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Chair Prozanski & Comittee,

My name is Marie Bowers. I am a farmer, a new mom and a proud firearm owner.

I am extremely opposed to SB 978 with the dash one amendments.

This bill would immediately make me a criminal and many other law abiding citizens criminals.

The storage component of the amendment is not workable for rural Oregon and many other Oregonians. I have a gun in my gun rack in my pickup. This is to take care of the pests I come upon in our fields. However, according to the dash 1's my pickup is not a "safe storage" place. This means when I am not in it than I am breaking the law. Also, this means that if an employee drives my pickup then I am breaking the law because my gun is not locked up.

At an early age I was taught that a gun is "always loaded no matter what". This is something I retain to this day. Guns are respected in my household and I will teach my kids this same thing. I am not the problem, criminals are.

My guns are used to feed my family, defend my family and my freedom. Do not criminalize me for these reasons.

I urge you to oppose SB 978 -1.

Thank you.

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