

Chairman, Sen. Floyd Proznanski,
Vice-chair, Sen. Kim Thatcher
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Sen. Cliff Bentz
Sen. Shemia Fagan
Sen. Dennis Linthicum
Sen. James Manning

Dear Senators,

I am writing to express my concern for Senate Bill 978.

I was born here in Oregon in 1944 and have made Oregon my home except for my time in the US Navy.

I have watched Oregon and the nation become obsessed with issues concerning all of us. Senate Bill 978 is one of the confusing and frustrating bills I have encountered. The bill does nothing to address the fact that violent crime with firearms has decreased in our country every year for the last ten years. You seem to be out of touch with the community maybe due to social media or the agenda of our state government. Our Governor Kate Brown has taken out of state money and committed to the donor to rid Oregon of firearms.

I have read and reread this bill and all I see are penalties for gun owners and reasons to believe this process will go on until you have turned Oregon into California or worse.

The gun owners and concealed carry holders are not the problem nor will the problem be solved by removing firearms.

If you want to make Oregon safer let the world know that Oregon is not a safe place to commit a crime because we do carry concealed.

Please stop telling us this bill is for the children because it is not. It is a political decision and it is unconstitutional. You know that and so does everyone who has taken the time to understand the threat that does not exist in our state. This bill is not an emergency it is bad government wanting to control the citizens.

Thank you for listening,

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