

Honorable Members fo the Committee,

I am writing in opposition to SB978 and any and all of its amendments. Laws such as those being proposed do not stop unlawful persons (criminals) from doing their mayhem. A law, a sign or an 'unenforceable edict' will do little or nothing when it comes to stopping someone bent on imposing their will upon others. Punishing those of us who are law abiding citizens will not prevent another senseless mass shooting or even one innocent death. In fact, it has been proven over and over that unarmed citizens become victims. Do not pass 'feel good' legislation to appease those who think this is the answer. With that said, I suggest that we pass legislation that addresses the training of children in the safe use of firearms and safe options when they find themselves in a situation where a gun may be present. We do this with sex education: we do not ban them from sex, but rather help them to stay safe while practicing it! Secondly, let's address the mental health situation in our state and put our financial resources into better care for those suffering from mental stress and disease. Finally, if we don't ban or limit the use of vehicles for all citizens because some abuse their use (impaired driving, driving while suspended, no insurance, etc.) or ban all medical procedures because some doctors make mistakes that kill their patients, then let's not limit the RIGHT that we all have under the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and the Oregon Constitution to keep and bear arms. And this is not about hunting or sport shooting. If you think it is, go back and read your history of the Constitution and the men who were willing to die to pass it on to all U.S. citizens, including us today. Thank you for serving the people. I will be watching how you vote on this bill.

Respectively submitted,  
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