

Good morning Ladies and Gentlemen. Chairman Prozanski , Vice Chair Thatcher and members of the committee. My name is Tyler Raddue, I am an Oregonian, a private citizen, a 100% Combat Disabled Vietnam Combat Veteran, and of course currently a law abiding gun owner. I am speaking against any bill that infringes upon our rights to own a Firearm and specifically against SB978.

If Patrick Henry were alive today, he would nail a copy of the Bill of Rights to the front door of this Capitol building, so you can read it and see that you do not have the power to abolish or rescind any of the the Amendments listed in the Bill of Rights, bottom line YOU DON'T HAVE THE REACH OR THE POWER TO CHANGE THE BILL OF RIGHTS, AND NEVER WILL !

If this or any other of these gun control bills get through the process and become law, here is what I will guarantee is going to happen, it will be challenged in court and the Supreme Court of the United States when they hear it will send it back to you with a handwritten note in red pen that says " NO !!!! Why are you wasting our time on this unconstitutional gibberish.

The Second Amendment states " the people's rights to bear arms will not be infringed." The Fourth Amendment states " the people shall be safe from unwarranted search's and seizures." And the Fifth Amendment states " the people's property cannot be seized without due process." and " the people cannot be forced to incriminate themselves." With these rights spelled out and the power and scope of your office falling way short of being able to rescind or abolish any Amendments I WILL NOT COMPLY

I have owned firearms since childhood so according to MDA and Ceasefire Oregon, without any corroborating evidence they say I am a criminal and a danger to others around me. I find that claim both laughable and insulting. I have never been charged with any misconduct much less of being a criminal. I take these accusations of being a psychopath or sociopath personally. Yet I am accused or suspected of being a psycho killer because I own firearms.

When has fear and worry set public policy? When has accusation replaced trust and belief in your fellow man? These people offer no evidence that I or any other of the legal gun owners in Oregon are planning mass shootings, yet they publish it in the media, in these hearings. I challenge them right now to show their evidence to OSP, so that the OSP may interdict this action. If these people cannot produce evidence of said massacre. Then they are operating out of fear or lying or both and spreading that unrealistic fear across the state. When did guilty before being proved innocent become the standard in Oregon?

My final points: Since you do not have the power or the reach to change or abolish the Bill of Rights " I WILL NOT COMPLY ! I WILL NOT PLEAD GUILTY TO SOMETHING I HAVE NOT DONE, NOR WILL I SURRENDER MY FREEDOM, RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES TO LEGISLATIVE TYRANTS.

With my best regards,

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**To all those who believe that the Second Amendment is outdated and “needs to evolve”, I ask you this: Is it not possible that the Second Amendment has allowed *America* to evolve?**

Think of it this way: You're driving down the road with no insurance and a taillight out. Your mood is absolutely tense to the point of a panic attack, and you're gripping that wheel with every ounce of strength your already-white knuckles can muster. You're likely not driving *well*, rather, you're working so hard at keeping everything under the speed limit and between the lines that you're in no place to react to even the slightest surprise.

An animal darts out ahead of you and the intense break in concentration puts you into a state of panic, somehow greater than the one you were already in, and now the car becomes impossible to control. You now wish, in this moment of flinching terror, that your insurance was up to date. The possible fine is no longer bearing down on your mind. No, you're already wondering how you'll scrape together enough money to out of this mess.

In this metaphor, the Second Amendment is our car insurance because, in all honesty, it's *our freedom insurance*. Without it, we are ripe for whatever cruel fate our enemies have in store for us. Without the right to bear arms, we are vulnerable to having our freedom revoked by our own government, the same way that our figurative driver would be arrested by our metaphorical cop for his lack of insurance.

And, God forbid, a hostile foreign power were to set their sights on us. We would be catatonically and categorically unable to impede their dastardly vision, much like the stressed-to-death driver in the fiction above will find peril in the aftermath of that skittish animal.

You see, Americans today have grown up safe and sound, far removed from the turmoil of the Revolutionary War, or even the Civil War. No one alive today has seen combat on American soil, up close and personal, and, therefore have *no real frame of reference* for the Second Amendment. During these events, unarmed citizens were few and far between, but also extremely easy pickings for those who would do them harm.

Thankfully, and likely in part due to the Second Amendment, we have avoided such peril thus far in our recent generations.

We could not have evolved into a country void of domestic war without the Second Amendment, as the right to bear arms acts as our insurance against *anyone* who would dare attempt to revoke this way of life and this freedom.

It is not the Second Amendment that is in need of evolution. It is America who has evolved, thanks to the safety and security provided in the inalienable right to bear arms.

Therefore I will not comply with SB978!