

I'm unable to attend the hearing on SB978, so I'm submitting written testimony

This bill does nothing to help me protect my family from an armed intruder who wants to harm us. The bill does the opposite: makes me a criminal for failing to lock up my self-defense firearms and disable them using a trigger lock mechanism. How am I supposed to protect my family? The police won't be at my house in time to take down the intruder. The police will not make the decision to shoot the intruder in self defense of my family. I'll be the one doing it but I cannot act in self defense without access to a fully functional self defense firearm. The Senate judiciary committee needs to be aware that bills such as this (along with existing firearms laws on the books) do not protect anyone from armed intruders.

This bill unfairly targets law abiding concealed carry permit holders by assuming said concealed carry permit holder will cause a massacre at a public building. Criminals who don't care about the law (and likely do not possess a concealed carry permit) cause massacres and commit crimes in public buildings.

For these reasons, SB 978 must be defeated.

Thank you

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