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To: Oregon State Legislature – Senate Judiciary Committee

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Subject: Testimony in Opposition to Senate Bill 978 as Amended

I would like to express my opposition to SB 978 as amended and list a few of the reasons why I believe it should not make it out of committee. What follows is a list of my reasons:

- **“...the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.”** SB 978 as amended infringes on this right, among others.
- **Discriminates against citizens based on age.** As proposed, the bill will discriminate based on age. If a citizen is old enough to die for their country, they should be eligible to enjoy the full benefits of citizenship.
- **Section 6 of the proposed bill infringes on my personal freedoms and invades the privacy of my home.** Many people live in areas where there is limited public emergency services or significant response times. Having defensive firearms available and ready for use is part of a rural lifestyle. Whether ready for personal protection of life and property, or ready to respond to threats to livestock or domestic animals. The requirements of this bill are not realistic for those who live in rural areas. Firearms are another tool in use. Potentially hazardous, yes, but in the hands of a responsible owner, no. Common sense need not be legislated, Liberal socialism will lead to totalitarianism, and historically, many millions of people have died as a result of that.
- **Bill proposes to make gun owners criminals if their guns are stolen, really???**
- **Section 1 is poorly written, and the intent cannot be followed clearly as such.**
- **Section 2 references the poorly written Sec 1**
- **Section 3 & all sections proposing new changes should provide grandfather clauses;** ie, if now declared “underage” or “illegal” but ownership already legally established (firearms/ 80% lowers) prior to the passing of this bill, citizens should be allowed to keep them without any penalty. Provide a process to keep citizens legal.
- **Sections 26/27 with regards to qualifying standards for proposed public airports uses two different standards :** 1 & 2 million boarding passengers. Use one standard for the document.
- **Creation of additional “gun free zones” infringes on concealed carry permittees rights and provides people of ill will more targets to choose from if they are up to no good.**

This bill smarts of out of state gun control money trying to influence small state politics. It is clear that it was written by politicians with an anti-gun agenda, and as such this bill should not make it out of committee.