

To the members of the Senate Judiciary Committee. As a resident of this great state of ours, I submit my testimony in regards to SB 978 and the “Dash 1” amendments. My first point of testimony regards the changing of the definition of a “Public Building”. While on the surface this may not seem like a problem, I assure you it is! This changing of definitions would allow any public entity to create rules regarding firearms on or near their premises (including but not limited to airport pre-terminal areas). May I remind the committee that, those who intend to do harm in these areas will disregard laws of any nature. All that would be accomplished is, to create a free fire zone where law abiding citizens who would have had a fighting chance would be gunned down, because their government would rather see them dead in a public place than armed. Such a change in rules would make felons of law-abiding citizens like myself, who possess a Concealed Handgun License and carry a firearm on their person. This reactionary measure to a problem that requires much more than a fly by night amendment to an otherwise harmless bill is a disservice to every citizen of this great state. This bill that would amend laws and ordinances already in effect. I firmly believe that before we implement any more gun laws, we need to learn how to properly enforce the ones already on the books. By disarming people, you will not only sign a death warrant for every one of citizens of our state, but you will also sow the seeds of civil unrest. Let this be a warning. History has shown time and time again, that when a government at any level decides to infringe upon the rights of its people, it will lead down a slippery slope that has more often than not ended in genocide. No matter how well intentioned these amendments may be, they will not solve the problem of gun violence. As I have stated before, they will create an atmosphere of unrest and escalated violence. Do the right thing and stop these amendments in their tracks. If, you do not let this be my testimony. You have been warned.

In Liberty,

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