Dear Committee,

I am writing in support of SB978. We, as a community, have been traumatized by impacts of gun violence. My teenage children had an accidental (not a planned) lockdown at school today. For 30 minutes the teachers and students thought there may be an armed intruder. It is unbelievable that we are living in a society that puts access to weapons before the safety and security of our community. SB978 is a reasonable tool to keep guns out of the hands of those that should not possess weapons. Importantly, this bill will help reduce the number of preventable child accidental shootings and suicides by requiring safe storage. As the committee is assuredly aware, the Clackamas Town Center shooter gained access to his weapon in 2012 because a friend did not secure the firearm. None of the provisions in this bill offers undue burden to the average, law abiding gun owner.

I urge you to support this bill.

Sincerely, Kara Murray



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