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Dear Committee Members,

I'm writing to express my support for SB978. Gun violence has intersected with my life too many times, whether it was my uncle's murder when I was 14, my father threatening my mother with a gun, visiting a family friend in prison who had been convicted of a fatal shooting, or finding my daughter's day camp on lockdown due to a drive-by shooting. Any one of these instances is one too many. It's past time to take bold action to curb the uniquely American epidemic of gun violence.

Oregon voters sent a clear message in November by re-electing Governor Kate Brown and by electing a gun-sense supermajority to the legislature. Let's take this opportunity to enact real change.

I wish I could be in Salem to testify in support of this bill, as I have with past legislation, but work prevents me from attending.

Thank you,  
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