

Dear Oregon State Senate Judicial Committee,

My name is Locke Christman and I am a lifetime resident of Oregon and a long time CHL holder. I urge you to reject SB 978. It is an attack on law abiding gun owners and would do nothing to reduce crime or protect Oregonians.

I believe that any and all legislation should be passed because it does good, not because it feels good.

It might feel good to pass more gun control legislation but it does harm, not only to the rights of Oregonians but to our safety as well. Here's some of the ways SB 978 would be harmful:

1. Age discrimination will prevent responsible young adults from the means to protect themselves.
2. Locking up every gun in the home at all times puts residents at risk of not having that means of protection for their families when it really counts.
3. Further regulation of the long time tradition of private manufacturing of guns for personal use would unnecessarily put law abiding citizens at risk of committing a felony.
4. Concealed handgun license holders are some of the most law abiding and responsible citizens in the state. We provide not only protection to ourselves and our families but to all of those around us. Widespread concealed carry is also a deterrent to those that would cause harm. Creating more so called "gun free" zones will create a legal minefield for CHL holders and embolden the criminal and would be killer. This bill would discourage concealed carry, thereby putting us all at greater risk.

Please do not cause further harm to Oregonians and reject SB 978 in it's entirety.

Best Regards,

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