

I'm against SB 978 for the following reasons:

- I should not have to lock my firearms up when I'm in my own home, doors locked, alarm set, with two dogs, living in a good neighbourhood with no children. What good is a self defence firearm if you can't access it when you need it. Also, this is unenforceable. Even if the police learned that there was a gun on someone's bedside table, they would need a warrant to search the house, and who's going to issue a warrant for a violation?
- Prohibiting the possession of firearms if a person has two violations is wrong. This means this proposal would strip someone's 2nd amendment rights if that person was found with 2 or more guns without those pointless, and easy to break, cheap cable locks. That is ridiculous and completely unconstitutional.
- Unless we agree as a country to raise the age where someone can be drafted or enlisted in the military to 21, I'm against taking the rights away from an adult to own a firearm until they're 21. That being said, I'm not against raising the age of adulthood to 21. Adults probably should not be in high-school.
- The idea that someone should be penalized as a victim of a theft is also wrong. Especially with an arbitrary 72 hour requirement to report which starts when someone deems it as 'practical'. On top of that, this proposal will make the victim responsible for a some criminal's actions. People tend to store guns in the back of safes in protective bags that might not come out of the safe more than once a year. It would be entirely possible that a family member could steal and sell off firearms without the owners knowledge. This is a very dangerous and completely unfair to law abiding citizens. Another issue, if a gun store sells a gun to someone who then goes out and uses it in a crime, what's the difference? Why are they protected but the average citizen who did nothing wrong is penalized?
- Police should be held to the same standard as all other citizens. They use guns for self defence and this proposal clearly calls them out as exempt because this would clearly limit peoples ability to use firearms in self defence.
- I disagree with prohibiting conceal carry in public places. CHL holders have already been significantly vetted and are the least likely people to cause a problem. Criminals will not bother with the process and will not be stopped by a 'no guns allowed' sign. Having more places that criminals are not likely to encounter armed resistance makes absolutely no sense to me.
- More background check laws will do nothing to stop crime. Criminals buy guns on the streets or steal them. There's no law can be written to stop that. All this does is create more hoops to jump through for ordinary people.

Lastly, the way this bill was introduced was disgusting. Moving the bill forward with a single page then, amending it with 44 pages is a very dishonest gross misuse of our system. Out of principal I hope everyone on both sides can agree that this isn't how our Representatives should behave.

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