

Chair Prozanski and Committee:

I am strongly opposed to SB 978.

This bill as proposed is over reaching and will do little to nothing to curb firearm violence. Responsible firearm owners (I believe most are) already take care by keeping guns out of the hands of children and other irresponsible adults. Adding these additional laws only causes law abiding citizens to become outlaws with the stroke of a pen.

Lets replace the word firearm with motor vehicle: Why should a car need to be locked up twice or thrice to show that unauthorized persons cannot get access to it? Should we limit the amount of fuel that can be purchased in order to limit how far it be taken? Should the owner be held responsible for the actions of the person who took the vehicle without permission? This exercise can be done with lots of common but potentially deadly items: household cleaners, alcohol, knives, prescription medicines.

It is my hope and expectation that our elected officials would take a common sense approach to legislation and not be caught up in hysteria. SB978 is based in hysteria. I urge to oppose this bill.

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