

Dear Judiciary Committee,

Oregon Constitution. Section 27. Right to bear arms; military subordinate to civil power. The people shall have the right to bear arms for the defense [sic] of themselves...

Please note and be advised that the proposed laws and amendments in SB978 are violations of both the Oregon and Federal constitution. These laws are gross infringements upon the rights promised to all Americans and Oregonians. Laws that are passed which are illegal and contrary to these constitutions are henceforth not laws at all and illegal. I exhort you to address the real issue: suicide. According to Oregon Health Authority, 83% of gun deaths are from suicide and 13% from homicide. People that want to kill themselves sadly will find a way and others who desire to kill others will unfortunately find a way as well. Only around 2% of deaths are accidental. Our real issues are social and have little to do with firearms themselves. Please focus your time and attention on the residents of Oregon who are struggling mentally and for those in dangerous situations rather than continually beating the straw man of firearms.

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