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Honored Legislators, ladies, and gentlemen:

Please allow me to raise my opposition to SB 978.

As a holder of an Oregon CHL, the cost to acquire and renew it is already expensive for a retiree on a fixed income. Making it prohibitively more expensive squeezes a retiree's budget even more.

Allowing local jurisdictions to expand gun free zones, areas respected only by the law abiding, makes it far easier for evil to kill the innocent. Street cops and many other law enforcement agents have stated good guys with guns have brought down bad guys who broke the law to get their guns.

Why not reward prosecutors and counties who make sure bad guys with guns get jailed for the maximum instead of allowing plea deals? That is certainly within your jurisdiction.

Sincerely yours,

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