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To: Chair Prozanski and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary

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Statement in Support of SB 978-1 as amended 3/27/19

This Bill speaks to the opinions of a majority of people in Oregon, who have responded again and again in recent years to the need for sensible restrictions relating to the ownership of firearms.

If we are to continue forward as a civilized nation, the requirements proposed under this Bill should be entirely acceptable to any reasonable person.

Minimum age for Firearm Sales

Several large retail stores have already imposed a higher minimum age

Firearm Storage, Loss or Theft Reporting and Access by Minors:

No child should have to live in a home where guns and ammunition are freely accessible to adults and other children. This is "endangering the life of a child"

Undetectable and Untraceable firearms

Prohibited Possession and Transfer

Law enforcement officers need all the help necessary to carrying out their job, while keeping themselves safe.

Firearm Injury Reporting

Information provided by hospitals plays a vital part in helping everyone understand and reduce gun violence.