

I have lived my entire life here in Oregon and am an avid outdoorsman. Shooting whether it's hunting or practice has all been a huge part of my life. I own and shoot all kinds of firearms including Semiautomatic rifles such as the "AR-15" style. I'm appalled at the attacks against my Second Amendment Rights and am against this bill and the way it done. I don't understand the logic where law abiding citizens of the United States of America as penalized for the actions of others. A firearm is merely a tool that is harmless unless used by a person. It's the person that bares the responsibility of their actions, not the tool or instrument. This is a mental health issue. Not a firearm issue. I'm opposed to any further erosion of my rights and opposed to this Bill and any other Bills that want to take away my constitutional right to keep and bare arms.

This year more than any has made me consider my choice of where to live and retire. If the Democrats continue on this path, I will be forced to relocate to a state that's more inline with my lifestyle and beliefs. I have made investments in this state, I pay more than my share of income and property taxes and it pretty sad that I may have to divest and re-invest into another state. I do not want Oregon to become California.

I urge all Senators to deny SB 978 and any other Bills that add more un-needed firearm laws. Enough is enough.

Respectfully,

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