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I have updated this to read the 14th Amendment, not the 12th Amendment.

Re: SB 978-1, a.k.a. Dash-1 Amendment

Hello. In response to SB 978-1, also known as the Dash-1 Amendment. I find that this is an egregious overreach by the Salem politicians. It is divisive in that SB 978-1 singles out a group of people who want nothing more than to be able exercise their right to bear arms without onerous laws that will deny or infringe upon them this right. SB 978-1 willfully condones age discrimination, in that it unconstitutionally denies 18, 19, and 20 year olds their Second Amendment rights.

SB 978-1 as written punitively punishes the law abiding gun owner by forcing them to comply with onerous rules and regulations that will make it difficult, if not impossible, to legally own a firearm in Oregon.

SB 978-1 as written clearly violates a person's 2nd, 4th, 5th, and 14th amendment rights and Article 1, section 27 of the Oregon Constitution as well. SB 978-1 as written also violates the Heller ruling, District of Columbia v. Heller (2008).

SB 978-1 as written does not and will not prevent criminals from possessing firearms. It will, however, turn the law abiding gun owner into a criminal.

I also feel that in order to further this bill, the super majority in Salem will resort to abusing the 'Emergency Clause' again to deny the people of Oregon their say on this issue at the ballot box.

Thank you,
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Re: SB 978-1, 'Dash-1' Amendment

Hello. This is in regards to SB 978-1, a.k.a. the 'Dash-1' amendment.

SB 978-1 as written directly violates a person's 2nd, 4th, 5th, and 14th amendments, along with violating Article 1, Section 27 of the Oregon Constitution, and violating the Heller ruling (District of Columbia v. **Heller**, 554 U.S. 570).

To punish a law abiding citizen, both onerously and punitively, for wanting to do nothing more than to exercise their 2nd Amendment right is wrong. There is a reason that the Bill of Rights is called what it is. It is not called the Bill of Privileges. As quick refresher, there is a very distinct difference between a right and a privilege, and they cannot be conflated. A right is something inherent, fundamental and arising from notions of natural or God-given law, whereas a privilege is often viewed as something "merely" created by a legislative body or a court.

SB 978-1 as written will do absolutely nothing to keep a criminal from getting a firearm, but it will however, turn a law abiding gun owner into a criminal overnight should this bill get signed into law.

SB 978-1 is scaremongering, it creates an "emergency" where none has ever existed, or will ever exist.

Thank you,

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