

Dear Sirs or Madams:

I am an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Oregon since May of 2009, and a graduate of Willamette University. I am sending you this email to express my opposition to the current proposed amendments to senate bill 978, proposed by Senator Prozansky and any future amendments, as I am unable to attend. As a backdrop, I present you with the following:

Oregon Constitution, Section 27. "The people shall have the right to bear arms for the defence [sic] of themselves, and the State, but the Military shall be kept in strict subordination to the civil power[.]"

Furthermore, the United States Constitution expressly states the following:

The United States Constitution, Article V, states "No person SHALL. . .nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation."

Turning to Senate Bill 978, which was initially only a paragraph authorizing a study, all amendments are a substantial change which attempt to abrogate the constitutional rights referenced above. If this were not an amendment, you should be well aware that this would not even be considered as is shown in the historical attempts to pass this law. There are 2nd amendment and Oregon Constitution interests at stake under the veil of an "amendment," as well as property interests. I generally object to the entirety of this bill.

District of Columbia v. Heller, 554 U.S. 570 (2008), stated the [Second Amendment](#) protects an individual's [right](#) to possess a [firearm](#), unconnected with service in a militia, for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self-defense within the home, and that the District of Columbia's handgun ban and requirement that lawfully-owned rifles and shotguns be kept "unloaded and disassembled or bound by a trigger lock" violated this guarantee. Citation omitted.

This is no different. Again, this is an attempt to force lawful gun owners to keep guns locked, in disregard of constitutional rights. You should recognize these constitutional rights and stop these attempts to make bloated amendments.

Criminals in Salem will disregard any laws such as this, and will continue to rob, rape, and kill innocent civilians. They will resolve conflicts with violence, and laugh at these attempted amendments. Furthermore, Senate Bill 978's amendments will place in fear those who have been victims of burglary,

robbery, rape, and whose families have been murdered, raped, or robbed. People who lawfully possess firearms would never harm a fly, will never need to fire their weapon in self defense, but possess the firearms for their, security, safety, and defense of self from hardened, intimidating, and lawless criminals and predators who are physically stronger and more willing and able to be violent and dangerous.

This is an attempt to criminalize law abiding citizens and to deprive them of constitutional rights.

Based on any and all of the above stated reasons, not stated in their entirety in this email, I demand that you not allow the proposed amendments, or any future proposed amendments to SB 978 to proceed, ad infinitum. This is an attempt to abrogate constitutional rights, and will not reduce crime or injury. Crime will always be there. For the victims of crimes from violent and hardened criminals, and for those in fear for their life and safety, please pay closer sensitivity to the right to bear arms, when such legislation is proposed to you.

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Sent from a mobile phone with tiny keys. Please excuse brevity or typos.