

This letter is in opposition to SB 978. There is nothing in 44 pages this Bill proposes to make myself or my community any safer. This Bill will definitely make us less safe. SB 978 provides zero guarantees of increased protection from law enforcement. It set no standards or ramifications from failure of law enforcement to act in the publics defense and has no provisions for punishment of criminal behavior set by current Oregon or federal laws.

The narrow focus of SB 978 is only to punish law abiding gun owners acting under the protection of the US Constitution. As a reminder the US Bill of Rights is a document stating the freedoms American citizen have from the state. It provides the rights of the people to possess firearms to defend those rights, the right to self protection as well as every right spelled out in the constitution.

It is wrong to seek out to punish those you do not agree with logically or philosophically. While it may be uncomfortable for you and your supporters, to be comfortable was never a right granted. The issue with gun violence as well as all violence is a problem with behavior and education. Government overreaching it's powers has never been the solution and it never will be. Stop the Bill now.

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