

Subject: SB978, SB978-1, SB978-2, SB978-3

My name is Bob McKean. I live in Jackson County Oregon. I am a legal citizen of the United States of America, an Oregon resident and a registered voter.

Never in my lifetime would I have ever thought I would find it necessary to be writing a letter in defense of my God given rights and liberties to my state legislators in Salem.

I am an honorably retired municipal law enforcement executive, military veteran and a law abiding and responsible gun owner.

I was shocked when I first read SB978 and now I am angry. SB978 as amended to -1, -2 and -3 should have never been written and should have never seen the light of day inside my state Capitol.

Not only is this SB978 unconstitutional but assigning it as an emergency bill is a slap in the face to every Oregon voter. This is nothing more than an abuse of legislative power and government overreach.

We all know the Democrat Party has declared war on the 2nd Amendment. This malicious and dangerous assault on our freedom is being led in Washington D.C. by Nancy Pelosi and Dianne Feinstein and in Salem by Floyd Prozanski and Ginny Burdick.

The Constitution and the 2nd Amendment were written by the people to inform the government of our God given rights. Free people do not need to ask permission from their government to purchase, own, carry and use firearms for self-defense.

SB978 as amended does not address the real problem facing public safety – criminals. It only punishes and limits the rights of law abiding gun owners.

“Gun Violence”, “High Capacity Magazines” and “Assault Weapons” are political speak terms used to mislead and frighten the uneducated and uninformed voters. Guns are not violent, people are violent. More people are killed each year with hammers and clubs than firearms. We never hear legislators wanting to ban hammers and clubs.

Conceal carry in public place is not a threat to public safety. On March 23rd I was one of over 4,000 law abiding gun owners who attended a rally in support of the 2nd Amendment in front of the Capitol building. No shots were fired. No one was injured. No cars were burned. No buildings were looted. Not to mention when we left there was no trash to clean up. WE are not the problem!

There are hundreds of thousands of law abiding gun owners in Oregon and many legislators are not listening to us. The Democrat Party’s anti 2nd Amendment political agenda is more important to them than We the People - the people they work for.

The 2nd Amendment is not open for discussion or vote. It stands as it was written. If the 2nd Amendment falls so does America. Freedom loving Americans will not let that happen.

I OPPOSE SB978 and all amendments as well as any anti-gun bill proposed.

We have compromised long enough. Attacks on the 2nd Amendment are direct attacks on freedom loving Americans. We will no longer tolerate these actions. Legislators are pushing law abiding gun owners into a corner with bills such as SB978 which will only turn us into criminals because we will not comply and if necessary we will resist.

Freedom is worth fighting for. God bless America.

VOTE NO ON SB978 INCLUDING ALL AMENDMENTS