

Chairman Prozanski and members of the judiciary committee,  
I would like to go on the record and voice my professional opinion in regards to SB978. I attended the hearings yesterday and was highly disappointed in the state of Oregon is allowing the emotions of children to influence and hijack our legislative process.

SB978 does ZERO To save lives by disarms law abiding citizens. Gun control is the greatest hoax ever perpetrated on the American people. I'm in the education business, I teach safety to kids and I've seen first hand in CA and Chicago(strictest gun control in the country.) that makes the children vulnerable to accidents inside the home.

When gun control disguised as a safety measure is implemented, it turns gun owners into criminals. Once that happens, there's ZERO access to safety education for young kids. There's a correlation between gun control, lack of education, and a high mortality rate in young children. This is one of the many fatal flaws with SB978. When guns are a taboo kids die, period!! We as a organization can prove this.

The fact that the state is allowing teenagers that don't have fully developed minds, cry on testimony is shameful. We the people see through this. They are trying to silence the voices of the children of the state of Oregon as a whole. This is simply unacceptable. SB 978 will render our ability as a organization, that specializes in firearm safety for kids virtually impossible to protect children. Kids will die. You had a opportunity to be a leader in the nation with SB 801, from day 1 more lives would have been saved than SB978.

I urge you as a safety expert, to vote NO on SB978. Instead of focusing on the few "child actors," that testified in front of you. Please think of the hundreds of thousands of kids that could benefit by education, not regulation. This is bad for our kids!! Thank you.



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