

RE: Vote No on Unconstitutional SB 978

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As a 5<sup>th</sup> generation Oregonian, I'm writing in opposition of SB 978 as it is clearly non-constitutional per both the federal and Oregon constitution which states. "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[.]".

- This bill will eliminate my ability to protect my home and my family by forcing my defense arms to be rendered inoperable and inaccessible inside my home which is unconstitutional. A firearm and a fire extinguisher both are used as tools to prevent a catastrophic event prior to public services arriving. This bill would effectively be like forcing everyone to lock up their fire extinguishers because we have a fire department.
- Additionally this bill will allow for age discrimination to be performed by retailers which per 2017 ORS 659A.403 states " all persons within the jurisdiction of this state are entitled to the full and equal accommodations, advantages, facilities and privileges of any place of public accommodation, without any distinction, discrimination or restriction on account of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, marital status or age if the individual is of age, as described in this section, or older."
- The most garbage of all is charging someone as an accomplice for up to two years after the sale or transfer of a firearm including theft. To charge someone as an accomplice in a crime, there has to be knowledge of intent of the crime. Without knowledge of intent, you're simply making criminals out of somebody over a perfectly legal transaction. This is like charging someone for selling a car that was used in a drunk driving accident years later.
- The part of the bill referencing "Gun Free Zones" is also unconstitutional as it infringes on my "right to bear arms for the defense of myself". It will do NOTHING to stop someone who intends on breaking other laws such as murder, robbery. It will only make criminals out of citizens who are not aware that an adjacent property has been deemed "Gun free".
- This bill is not a "common-sense" measure, for that it would need to make sense and do something other than making criminals out of law-abiding citizens.

I will not comply

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