Committee Members,

I am a retired Oregon Police Officer of 24 years. I ended my career as the Chief of Police for the City of Hubbard, Oregon. I took pride in my service to the citizens of Oregon and did so with a commitment to abide by the US Constitution and the Oregon State Constitution. I now find myself concerned that I could end my life as a felon because of a misguided attempt by the Oregon Legislature to pass SB978.

This is a misguided attempt to pass a series of laws to protect Oregonians and only creates an impediment to law abiding citizens that wish to protect themselves, their families, and their fellow Oregonians.

Please do not follow this path as it will not accomplish your desired wishes and will only alienate and obstruct your most ardent defenders.

Thank you.

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