

I, us armed forces veteran, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same.

I present this nameless oath to you today to speak on behalf of all US veterans that are enraged that our god given rights are being trampled on, I stand before you as proud American yet left embarrassed by our representatives being bought and paid for to push an agenda that does nothing to benefit the people.

The police are rarely there to stop a crime from happening, but in many cases a citizen is, and the fact is a legally armed citizen holds a far better chance to save someone from a crime then one that has been stripped of their rights, according to statistics on portlandoregon.gov between January 1st to December 31st of 2018 there were a reported 619 sexual offenses and 8,725 assault offenses I ask you today how many of those could have been stopped by a citizen legally licensed to carry a firearm as well as how many legally licensed to carry citizens has committed a crime with their firearms?

I for one as a mother am not willing to give up my rights to defend my children or have them grow up without their mother because I wasn't permitted to carry my legal firearm.

Please vote no on SB978!

Thank you for you time

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