

My name is Heather Holston, and I'm asking you to vote NO on SB978. I am 47 and I have lived in Oregon all my life. My grandfather was an Oregon Logger. My Father is an Oregon Navy Vet. I have been around guns my entire life and although I do not own one currently, your taking my ability to defend my family away. It's not the safe, responsible gun owners you need to worry about. Criminals do not follow laws, they do not listen to reason, they do what they want. If it was your family, would you rather protect yourself or ask the criminal to just wait for the cops. I understand the need for something but taking our rights as Citizens is wrong. The governor and this state are making decisions for the residents without consent. We want things to change, we do not want mass shootings but again, taking our guns will not solve the problem. We need lower rents, better pay, so more parents can be home with their kids. We need more education as kids can't even make their own food, pay taxes, etc. We need more mental health and less B.S. Please do not allow this to pass. Too many things have passed that our state doesn't need. We are facing budget shortfalls even after legalizing marijuana and bringing in millions. Where did it go. We've approved killing babies when they are due. As a mom to two premature babies, I cannot imagine watching my baby just die. We are a state of Loggers, trees, nature, hunters. Portland does not represent our state. Please vote no, Please support what the people want. So many of us want more from our state but can't take the time off of work to protest this garbage. Remember our values and our state. We are not California, We are not any other state. We are Oregon and We are Oregonians.