

To the Senate Judiciary Committee, Oregon 2019,

I urge you to vote 'No' on SB 978. This is a bad Bill from the beginning. It was originally created as a decoy to stuff with language from the other gun control Bills put forth this year. What was once a Bill that contained a few paragraphs became forty-four pages after adding one Amendment. This is way too much random language being added with no time for research into the actual effects of the Bill.

On Section 1, I wholeheartedly disagree with taking away rights from law-abiding 18-20 year olds. FBI statistics have shown that 18-20 year olds are not more likely to commit mass shootings than 21+ year olds. This is clearly discrimination based on Age which I thought all of Oregon was against.

I have issues with the Firearm Storage language in this Bill, Section 2. Requiring all firearms in the household to be locked has already been deemed unconstitutional per District of Columbia v. Heller, 554 U.S. 570. Firearms are used defensively millions of times each year per FBI statistics. This Bill will take away every Oregonian's right to defend themselves in their home, unless they can get a 30 second to one minute head start on the intruder. I also think this part of the Bill unfairly targets less-wealthy Oregonians. Gun owners know that cable locks are almost worthless, gun cabinets can be broken into with a hammer in minutes and a decent entry-level safe costs at least \$600-800. Those who are less-wealthy definitely can't afford a decent safe. Using a gun for protection may no longer become an option for those less-wealthy because of the threat of criminal charges stemming from the language in this Bill. As you all know, those with less money tend to live in areas with more crime.

I also disagree with much of Section 26, to regulate the rights of CHL holders in Public Buildings. CHL holders in Oregon are much less likely to commit a crime than the average citizen. This many restrictions puts an unfair burden on the Oregonians who decide to protect themselves and their families with firearms. I don't think any CHL holder should become a criminal for picking up friends or family at the Airport.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
John Jurow