

Testimony on Oregon SB978

We will never create enough laws to control evil Evil does not obey laws!
John Wayne said it best... **“There isn’t a hell of a lot we can do to change human behavior. We keep making laws to try to change human behavior, but we can’t do it.”**

My hope is that you see it that way too. I oppose SB978, please vote No on this bill.

I am a Mother of three young children, and safety is one of my everyday routines. We teach safety with everything we do, whether it is work or play, or with our guns. We teach our children to not do harm to others and to respect one another and their differences. Love and respect are somethings that are taught at home and needs to be learned at an early age

Going back to the subject of “Evil”, evil is all around us. You think taking our guns and making more laws will help us? It WILL NOT!

Look around Oregon, look outside of Woodburn in January, just a few miles from my home, Mark Gago murdered his whole family, without a gun. People can be evil and disgusting. A man that takes his own nine-month-old baby girl is truly sick. Mark Gago did this horrible thing without a gun! People that want to hurt others will find a way with or without a gun. And this guy Mark Gago proved just that!

New laws will not stop them. The old laws did not stop them.

You do not get to take my God given right to protect myself and my family from the likes of Mark Gago, or any other person that may attempt harm to me or my family. I have spent my entire life around guns. My whole life I have used guns for protection, hunting and recreation. I am 34 years old and I have spent time living on both sides of the Cascades, here in Oregon. I grew up in central Oregon packing a gun for safety from predators. Predators come in all shapes and forms; I would have a better chance taking on a cougar with my bare hands knowing there is no gun involved then a thug in the metropolitan areas. You must have a gun to protect yourself from the evil people that have guns. To this day I can’t stand driving downtown Portland or Salem because of the crazy people, my gun gives me protection from their evil. I attended the Second Amendment Rally here in Salem on March 23, 2019, where there was over 4000 good people. Most people were packing concealed hand guns. Not once did I feel unsafe. I want to retain my right protect myself, and my family if ever needed.

Plases stop this bill and vote no. I respect and value our Constitution and with God’s help, I pray you do too.

You must consider the old adage... When guns are outlawed, only the outlaws will have guns.

Sincerely
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