

To whom it may concern.

I am submitting my testimony on SB 978.

The entirety of this bill should be thrown out as it is a violation of individuals rights.

No law made in disagreement with the constitution is legally binding.

A law that mandates you to lock up firearms in your own home is absurd. A firearm owners responsibility is to keep firearms out of reach of those that cannot use firearms safely or are a danger to themselves or others with a firearm. But to make it criminal for the owner because of how they store it is not right. This bill also fails to address criminal elements that steal firearms. That indicates a strong legislative push to vilify and criminalize firearms and their owners. There may be as many as 4.1 million firearms in Oregon, and if firearms or their legal owners where the problem then it would be obvious.

The Oregon legislation body also is denied the right, ability or legal authority to give people or entities, private or public entities to control the people's right to keep and bear arms. The tenth amendment prohibits states or people from taking actions contrary to other rights in the Bill of Rights. In order for Oregon to be a legal member of the Union, it too, along with its legislators must follow the constitution. Giving the "ability" to restrict firearms to anything is a breach of individuals rights.

On the topic of firearms concealed carry permits. That abusive practice should end. It is but another tool to control law abiding citizens rights along with stripping them of money for fees. Do we have licenses to practice religion peacefully or to excersize other rights? Then why make gun owners that aren't criminals do that? It also puts our poor at greater risk. End the practice of licensing rights and make this a constitutional carry state or a you can keep your rights and excersize them state (unless properly released of them through constitutional due processes)

Thank you for your time.

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