

To Whom it May Concern,

**April 2<sup>nd</sup> Testimony**  
**Capitol, Salem OR**  
**Opposition SB 978**

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Some of us are at the Capitol today out of fear. The human condition is motivated by a few basic instincts, Power, Sex, Greed and Fear. Fear being the most powerful motivator of all. The media and social media outlets do a great job of selling fear; it's what pays the bills. Having worked in media the common catch phrase is, "If it bleeds it leads." We live during the safest time in the history of mankind. The world is not the scary place that the media is trying to make it out to be. Many of us, here today, are here out of fear. Fear that either someone is either going to harm us or take something away.

SB 978 is created out of fear; fear that gun owners may commit a heinous crime against you, our friends, our neighbors, our families or our children.

We gun owners oppose SB 978 out of fear that this legislation will prevent us from protecting you, our friends, our neighbors, our families and our children as well as criminalize us by taking away our existing rights and freedoms.

We are your friends and neighbors; we are the first responders when life is thrown into chaos. We are close by to act now when law enforcement is only 20 minutes away. I'm asking you to not buy into the fear that is being woven into our American fabric. Please consider your actions carefully and vote NO on SB 978 and all upcoming proposed firearm legislation.

As an aside, I spent 10 years of my life as a Marion County Reserve Deputy. I have never met a criminal that has obeyed the law. SB 978 and upcoming firearm legislation do nothing to protect us from deviate criminal behavior. SB 978 and upcoming legislation will harm the law abiding and empower the criminal.

Thank you for your time,

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