

I would urge the legislature of the state of Oregon to vote NO on SB978.

I am a gun owner and have a concealed carry permit under the current laws of Oregon state. I feel that the proposed bill is completely unnecessary. It seems to have been proposed to make a few people feel good, to make those people believe that the legislature is "doing something" about "dangerous guns." In fact, you are more likely creating potential criminals out of ordinary citizens.

Guns are not dangerous. Guns are no more a threat to anyone than a hammer laying on a work bench or a kitchen knife on a counter. The amount of ammunition they hold is irrelevant.. If they are locked up they are useless for home defense which is why many of us own a gun in the first place. To make a gun or a hammer or a knife dangerous requires a human operator. Putting more controls on guns will not alter a dangerous human operator. Statistics have borne this out over and over again. Chicago is a prime example. New Zealand's mosque shooting is another. Strict gun laws do not prevent a dangerous person from obtaining and firing a gun. All SB978 does is make it more difficult for ordinary people like myself to avoid breaking a law, knowingly or not.

Another thing SB978 does is encourage people, like myself, who can move to states that respect my rights under 2A, to consider doing so. In fact, with 16 constitutional carry states to consider, there are a lot of nice places to live besides Oregon.

I respect and admire the people who have been able to come to Salem to protest the passage of SB978. I stand with them. I will not comply. But I might move.

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