

This is my testimony against SB978

I am extremely concerned about the consequences of these proposed amendments. I cannot support allowing business to discriminate against a rational adult based on age just as I could not abide discrimination on the basis of race, religion gender or creed. At the age of 18 an individual in the military will be given a gun to defend their country but under your law they could be denied the right to purchase one in their own state. This insults those in service to the freedoms of the country on many levels. I do not consider this a minor or dismissible bias and neither should lawmakers.

The proposed mandates for firearms storage does not address safe handling but does create a very dangerous situation for law abiding gun owners. I find it shocking that any law maker would propose that a person who has had a firearm stolen will bare any responsibility for the actions of the thief. This is an abhorrent misuse of the law. How can we rightfully make the victim responsible for a crime against them and others? If we hold people accountable to their decisions as the law now stands we recognize that it is the choice to commit a crime and the carrying out of that crime that is illegal, not having had the miss fortune of being victimized by a criminal. Where does a president like this stop? Do I also risk being responsible for a hit and run committed by a thief if my car is stolen?

I am apposed to increasing CHL fees. If there is a reasonable cause to increase costs than present the information that supports the need. It is appallingly common for this administration to demand more money from the people without mitigation of any sort. I have lost all trust in the current administrations ability to evaluate what is reasonable to demand in payment from the people. This feels like another example of the administration demanding more money because they want more money. I will not support any raise in cost without adequate explanation.

New restrictions on CHL holders will create a very real potential for accidental criminal misconduct. Legally carrying a gun is not a criminal act and should not be treated as such. Criminalizing non-criminal behavior is overreaching and unconstitutional. This law will be instrumental in creating unnecessary fear of ones own conduct in public spaces. Additionally the undue stress resulting from navigating a patchwork of unspecified public spaces will further deter people from seeking assistance from authorities when needed and further instill an concern about governmental intent with regard to private citizens and their daily lives.

In response to the my belief that this is part of an overall goal in this administration to remove gun rights from the citizens as thoroughly as the can, I have this to say. Prohibition has never worked, this has been demonstrated in this country time and time again. In addition to social and community consequences it feeds a larger black market and gives the people a shameful view of the government and distain for its policies. Attempts to enforce like laws in other areas are shown to be unenforceable and are failing to be supported by law enforcement or the public. If gun control really worked Chicago would be the safest place in the country. For a governmental agency that has openly been working to minimize the legal consequences when criminals choose criminal behavior it seems ludicrous & lopsided to create unprecedented criminalization of safe and moral behavior.

I cannot support any of these proposed amendments to the existing law.

Thank you for your time.

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