

My name is Steven Barker. I married an Oregon native and moved to this beautiful state and call it my home.

I am a resident of Hillsboro, Oregon and I am writing to state that I am against the proposed bill SB 978.

I have come to appreciate the rights we hold as Americans and as I read this bill, the blanket statements listed throughout seem like a slight of hand attempt to remove access to anything with a pistol grip. Line 25 for example, lists "pistol grip" as "a grip or similar feature that can function as a grip for the trigger hand." I have difficulty thinking many type of firearm that doesn't include this.

It also seems to be banning a gun on the way it looks or whether or not you can attach the label "assault weapon" to it.

In my opinion this is an attempt to address gun ownership and use in the law abiding portion of society and effectively turn, me a gun owner, into a criminal.

If we have a criminal gun problem in this state, shouldn't we address that instead?

I urge the committee to not pass SB 978.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Steven Barker