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Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher and Committee Members,

I am delivering this testimony today requesting that you do not allow corporations or any size FFL dealer to discriminate against our fellow Oregonians.

A small minority in this State seems to think that being one, two or three years younger than 21 years of age is reason to deny a person's civil and constitutional rights. Fortunately a vast majority about 70% based on a currently running poll being conducted by the Oregonian support my belief that we should not discriminate against these folks: <https://www.oregonlive.com/business/2019/04/what-do-you-think-about-age-limits-for-buying-guns-in-oregon.html>

Oregon has been a leader in preventing discrimination and we need to protect that tradition. It's abhorrent to think that in 2019 we are actually on the precipice of creating a law allowing discrimination to occur. What is even more despicable is that we are also discussing letting the perpetrators of recent violations of our strong anti-discrimination laws off the hook. The corporations should not be dictating to us, that we weaken our anti-discrimination laws so they can pander to a small minority. If they don't want to sell to all legal aged residents 18 and older, then they know where the door is. There are plenty of corporations to fill their shoes, who will respect our laws and all Oregonians.

As an Oregon elector, a father of a 19 year old and a 15 year old, I am ashamed. I am ashamed that I have participated in electing the very body that has even considered putting this language in a bill to begin with and then advanced it to point it may come out of Committee. I implore you to vote no on this highly discriminatory bill SB 978 and restore dignity to the legislative body and the electorate.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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This testimony is in regards to the Sections of SB 978 that are listed under the title  
LOCAL AUTHORITY TO REGULATE FIREARMS IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS

These regulations allowing local authorities to decide where we can or can't defend ourselves is absurd. We have preemption law in this State for a reason. Persons carrying with a concealed carry license are not a problem in need of a solution. These regulations will not prevent any crimes but will certainly increase crime by leaving formerly protected Oregonians unprotected and creating opportunities for criminals.

It will be nearly impossible to keep track of where we can or can't legally protect ourselves. Trying to comply with this patchwork of places where we can and can't carry will lead to more theft of stowed firearms, false alarm calls to police when bystanders see people stowing or unstowing their firearms. It could lead to more accidental discharges as people will be removing and re-holstering their firearm numerous times a day.

Worst of all it will lead to more soft targets and victims of crime especially women and elderly who may be more dependent on concealed carry to defend themselves. People who work in public buildings and grounds at night will be very vulnerable. The criminals will find that these new gun free public spaces are a variable buffet of victims.

I saw nothing that would prevent these regulations from applying to parks, campgrounds and State and County forest areas if buildings are on these grounds, publicly owned stadiums, public owned parking lots, private buildings that house public agencies, etc. The list could go on and on.

It will be a nightmare for those who choose to conceal carry if this bill passes as written. With the exception of Section 30 this entire bill is an awful mess of restrictions that will only target those who are not committing crimes now. These regulations allowing local authorities to prohibit concealed carry are the absolute worst in the entire bill. Only somebody with extreme contempt for the electorate of this State could let a bill like this become law.

I urge you to not let SB 978 out of Committee  
Thank you for the opportunity to share my testimony.

