

Thank you for accepting my opposing testimony on SB978.

Vote NO on SB978.

Senator's SB 978 has many faults but one important issue that needs to be raised is the fact that anyone owning an unserialized firearm will instantly be subject to a Class B Felony for the simple act of possessing a firearm that has been legal to own for generations. It was common for firearms made prior to 1968 to be manufactured with out a serial number meeting the Federal requirements that SB 978 specifies or any serial number at all. There are tens of thousands of these firearms owned by residents of this State. Many of these have been passed down from relatives through multiple generations. SB 978 will make the owners of these firearms subject to a Class B Felony for each unserialized firearm they own. The Federal codes SB 978 specified do not list a path for an individual to serialize an already manufactured firearm from a potentially unknown manufacture.

I urge the Committee to vote no on SB 978 and spare many law abiding Oregonian's from be turned in to felons with the passage of this bill.

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I urge my representatives to vote against SB 978. The voices of the citizenry against this bill, and the "Gut and Stuff" tactics used are overwhelming. A last minute 40+ page amendment to a bill with only a few paragraphs is unacceptable and a clear circumvention of due process when considering laws that can and will turn average law-abiding citizens into felons. This has clearly been done to limit taxpayer input and testimony.

As a father and husband, I will not live in an unprotected home. It is my absolute duty to protect my loved ones from those that would do them harm and removing my sole means of protection from my immediate reach will interfere with that duty. I take issues with the entirety of SB 978, but subjecting me to felonies and potential prosecution for what I do in my own home is the worst of all.

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