

Good afternoon

I am in strong opposition of the Senate Bill 978. In my years as a law abiding gun owner I have never read something with such overwhelming reach. I'm a product of a highly regulated "state"(Puerto Rico) as gun control fails daily on the island. The fact that criminals could care less about the laws is exactly why regulating law abiding citizens any further will do nothing to provide additional safety and security. I have traveled long and far and have lived in Europe and the Caribbean, I have gone to Honduras and spent time with my wife's family, I have hosted a Brazilian high school student and after long conversations with law enforcement and people they all agree that criminals prey on the innocent and when they're the only ones armed even the Police fear them.

Imagine for a second that you're a normal kid and that at age 7 you see your dad get carjacked and taken by a junkie at gun point. Well, that was me... and no amount of laws in the books helped prevent the incident. My sister, mom and I were traumatized for years. My dad was let go, but others died at the hands of the same person the Police let us know later. I will tell you that it's a guarantee that the more laws that are passed in the State of Oregon attacking the law abiding gun owners, the worse crime will be because criminals will know the likelihood of people being able to defend themselves will be minimal. Please, I urge and encourage you and the people We have elected into office to understand that these "feel good" measures will not reduce crime; I have seen and lived it.

Senate Bill 978 will literally kill Oregonians by disarming law-abiding citizens and make families, students and individuals handcuffed targets in the crosshairs of violent criminals. This appears as a direct violation of the law of the land, our Constitutions both State of Oregon and the United States and may be an invitation to murderers, rapists, and otherwise people who will prey on the unarmed- that is almost a guarantee.

Respectfully

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