

I am writing to you today to encourage you to vote "NO" on SB 978. About five years ago, I was in the position of needing a firearm to protect myself, and my family. Thankfully, just having the gun was enough, no shots had to be fired. I was able to access the gun easily and, when I chambered a round, the would-be intruder fled. Even though my wife called the police, it took them fifteen minutes to finally arrive. Had I been forced to have my gun secured, the would-be intruder would have been in my home. I have no way of knowing if he would have killed me, or my family, but thanks to my gun there was no need to find out.

Please consider this testimony as you prepare to vote on this bill. The unintended consequences could prove fatal.

Thank you for your attention,

Chris Propeck
Keizer, Oregon

To all,

SB 978 contains a provision that if a firearm is stolen, then used in the commission of a crime, the owner of that firearm, from whom it was stolen, will be held legally accountable for the crime committed by the one who stole the firearm.

Why not apply that same legal standard to cars? If a car is stolen, and the car thief then strikes a bicyclist, the owner of the car would then be sent to prison for the vehicular assault of the bicyclist.

This provision needs to be struck from SB 978. It makes no sense, and is immoral.

Thank you,

Chris Propeck
Keizer Oregon