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To the honorable Oregon Senate

Thank you for hearing my deepest concerns about SB 978. I am dismayed that so much has been added to this bill in the form of a last minute amendment.

The provisions in this bill that makes gun owners responsible for how stolen or sold guns are used is contrary to every legal doctrine that we have. Our legal system is based on the idea that each person is ONLY responsible for their own conduct. If I forget to lock my car and some one steals it, I am not liable for damages if they get into a wreck. If I sell my car, I am not liable if the new owner runs a red light. The same thing is true with firearms, as a individual, it makes no sense to make me liable for some one else's actions. This is an immoral law, it will turn good productive citizens into criminals.

CHL fees should not be increased unless the cost of the background check is increased. Otherwise the CHL fee would become a tax, and rights (like our constitutionally guaranteed 2nd amendment rights) can not be taxed.

Lastly allowing cities to make laws that are not constrained to their jurisdictions, is another hugely dangerous departure from legal precedent. Every city should only be allowed to make rules for it self. My other concern is that Banning CHL holders from all of the additional places that this bill will ban them from will create public harm. CHL holders have been known to stop public shootings – an example of such an event is the Clackamas Towncenter shooting just a few years ago where a CHL holder confronted the shooter, and the killing of innocent lives was stopped at that point. Banning CHL holders from these places will only turn good productive citizens who would put their life on the line for their neighbor into criminals. It will NOT increase public safety. I will feel LESS SAFE if this law passes.

I urge you all to vote NO on this bill.

Thank you for your time,
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To the Honorable Oregon Representatives

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Thank you for considering my testimony.

Best Regards,
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