

Dear Senators,

I urge you all to oppose SB 978, as it is a truly awful bill. It violates both the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Oregon. Please remember that the U.S. Constitution is the "Law of the Land," and that it is widely held that a law that violates the Constitution is in reality NO LAW AT ALL.

This bill would do very little to dissuade the criminal element from committing crimes, simply because criminals, by definition, are people who break the law. A person bent on committing murder will not worry about breaking a few gun laws! All this bill would do is hassle and hurt the honest citizens of Oregon.

Let's do a more efficient job of enforcing the firearms laws that we already have instead of punishing the good people.

Please keep in mind that when you took office you swore an oath on your honor to uphold and defend the Constitution. Therefore, I am counting upon all of you to honor your oath and oppose SB 978!

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Hugh F. Simpson