

I'm writing to respectfully express my strong opposition to SB 978 with its proposed amendment. This bill is full of bad legislation that violates the rights of responsible citizens in our state.

SB 978 violates my right to self-protection by allowing the state to control how my firearm is stored. I am a responsible citizen who relies upon quick access to my firearm in case of a break-in of my home. Storage in a gun room or having a lock on a firearm makes it useless for home or personal defense. This does absolutely nothing to protect Oregonians, but instead makes us more vulnerable.

The bill limits where CHL holders can protect themselves, including public transport stations or the airport parking lot, where one would pick up family members coming home or visiting. I have been a CHL holder for many years and a law-abiding citizen. SB 978 would make me less safe because I would not have the ability to defend myself in an attack in these places.

Further, the notion that a law-abiding citizen would be responsible for the illegal activity of a person who broke into the citizen's home and stole property is simply outrageous. This bill criminalizes law-abiding citizens and does nothing to solve our problems.

I urge you to defeat this dangerous legislation and stop what appears to be an effort to erode the 2nd Amendment rights of Oregonians.

Thank you for your consideration and your work on our behalf.

Respectfully submitted,

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