

Dear Committee Members,

I appreciate the opportunity to submit written comments about SB 978.

Please take to heart the truth about gun laws, criminals don't obey them. If you create laws such as SB 978, you infringe upon the Constitutional Rights of Oregon citizens. However the law won't create a safer society in Oregon. The reach of a law like SB 978 only causes common activities of Oregonians to become criminal acts which imperil the citizen. If a properly secured and stored gun is stolen and used in a subsequent crime, the blame cannot be placed upon the owner of that gun. That is as ridiculous as prosecuting the owner of a stolen vehicle for any damages or lost lives caused by the vehicle thief. Please don't create more opportunities in Oregon for lawlessness.

Thank you for allowing me to comment.

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