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To: [SJUD Exhibits](#)
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Good afternoon.

I am writing to voice my concern with SB 978. As originally filed this bill was only a few paragraphs. With only a few days notice before the 4/2 hearing date, the addition of Amendment-1 of this bill has taken what seemed to be straightforward bill transformed into 44 page document into far reaching exercise in a solution in search of a problem. This not only seems rather disingenuous because of the timing but also because of the extent of the first amendment to the bill steps beyond the original bill.

1. This bill would make criminals out of persons who own an 80% ar-15 lower, by changing the definition of what a firearm is. Personal manufacture of firearms is allowed by the ATF under the strict requirement that it is for personal use and may not be sold or transferred. The ATF has already concluded that an 80% complete firearm is not a firearm and for all practical purposes it is an aluminum block.

2. Where are all of the instances of unlawful use of firearms, and accidental shootings that are being committed by Oregon CHL holders? This bill is concerning because it would create a patchwork of no-go places for CHL holders to navigate. CHL holders are not the problem and should not be burdened with such a moving target of expectations. Again a solution in search of a problem.

This bill does nothing to improve safety of regular citizens from acts of criminals and mentally ill persons, rather their actions of would become directly the burden of those who follow the law.

I respectfully urge you to vote NO on SB 978.

Thank you,

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