

To members of the OR Senate Committee on Judiciary; the lengthy amendment to SB978 is full of assaults on the rights of law-abiding gun owners in Oregon. It will do nothing to make anyone in Oregon safer. It is clearly just an attack on certain firearms that the authors have decided are "evil" with no rational support for those ideas. The federal assault weapons ban that was in effect for 10 years made no impact on crime-it just made life more difficult and expensive for law-abiding gun owners. This bill will have no effect on crime either and then the supporters will come back with still more restrictions because we "just haven't done enough". Focusing on the mental health and addiction issues facing our society might actually be able to positively impact crime in our state. This bill and others like it will not. They only contribute to the decline of quality of life in Oregon for a high percentage of its citizens.

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