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Testimony for Senate Bill 978

I am a 66 year old Oregon born citizen. In these 66 years, my rights have been eaten away. This time it is my right to own a firearm being subjected to too many rules and regulations.

It is not the guns that kill people, it is people who kill people. Do we ban automobiles from the road - they kill people? No we put the people in jail who violate the laws. The same should apply to guns.

Do you think the criminals read these laws and follow them? No they are criminals and will never be concerned with breaking the law.

Do accidents happen? Yes - you cannot make enough laws to keep bad things from happening. Can you provide education on how to handle guns and the responsibilities to own guns? Yes!

And then you want to raise the age to own a firearm from 18 to 21 - yet an 18 year old can go to war and use a gun. They can also vote, have an abortion and get birth control.

I am in disagreement with Senate Bill 978 and would urge the committee let it die in committee.

Respectfully,

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