

Dear members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

Please accept this email as my public testimony in opposition to SB 978.

This bill seeks to severely limit the Constitutional second amendment protections of the citizens of the United States. It also limits the rights of gun owners given to them in the State of Oregon Constitution.

As a woman who lives in a rural area of Oregon, I have been instructed in safe firearms use and maintain a concealed handgun license in my county. I abide by all the laws as currently written. There is ample documentation that laws such as those in SB 978 will do little to prevent gun crime. Criminals don't abide by existing law. When you pass laws as you are currently considering in this bill you are only limiting the freedoms of law abiding citizens. And you are limiting my ability to protect my life and the lives of my family members.

Women need these protections and anything that limits women from exercising their right to prevent their own victimization is in direct conflict with women's rights and empowerment. I ardently oppose all parts of SB 978.

With sincere appreciation,

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