

Members of the Oregon Senate Judiciary Committee:

Greetings in the name of Almighty God, the Father, and Creator of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. In the beginning was that Word, and that Word was with God, and that Word was God. This same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by it, and without it was made nothing that was made. In it was life, and that life was the light of men. And that light shineth in the wilderness, and the darkness comprehendeth it not.

It is impossible for me to personally attend the hearing at 8:00 AM on 2 April 2019 in Room 50 for SB 978. Please accept this written testimony in lieu of my personal appearance testimony.

VOTE NO on SB 978.

As you are well aware SB 978 is a sham. The first so-called "amendment" to it is 44 pages long while the original bill was a few short paragraphs. This "amendment" turns SB 978 into a nightmare anti-gun bill which is gutted and stuffed with draconian anti-gun language.

VOTE NO on SB 978.

If this "amendment" is adopted, SB 978 will, among other things:

Allow gun stores to refuse to sell firearms and ammunition to young adults. Bi-mart, Walmart and Fred Meyers stores are now doing this in violation of the law. This is an inane idea.

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Exonerate gun dealers who violate anti-discrimination laws, even if they did so before this bill was passed. This amounts to a "Get out of jail free card" for corporations which are now breaking the law. This is an inane idea.

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Require that self defense firearms be locked up. Under this bill gun owners can be prosecuted even if the gun is locked up with a cable lock, if someone has "access" to a device to defeat the lock. Most locks of this type can be defeated by almost any tool. This is an inane idea.

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Hold gun owners responsible for two years for guns they "transferred" unless they prove the transferred gun had a trigger or cable lock. This is an inane idea.

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Hold gun owners responsible for crimes committed with guns that were stolen from them. This is an inane idea.

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Increase Concealed Handgun License (CHL) fees. This is an inane idea which does nothing to make anyone any safer.

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Allows cities, counties, metropolitan service districts, airports, schools, colleges and universities to ban CHL holders from "public buildings." The bill does NOT say buildings owned by those entities. It says "public buildings." Under this bill a school in John Day could forbid a CHL holder from carrying a firearm in a public building in Troutdale. This is an inane idea.

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While there are countless terrible provisions to the amended bill, the one that will effect ALL gun owners is the change in the definition of "Public Buildings" and the provision that would allow virtually any public entity to create rules about firearms in "public buildings". Under the amendments, a school district could create a policy that could make a CHL holder a felon simply for being NEAR a public building. You don't even have to be on the property. In essence, it would be almost impossible for a CHL holder to leave their home with a firearm without the risk of committing a felony. This is an inane idea.

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Ban CHL holders from airports. Not just the terminal, but also the parking lots and grounds "adjacent" to parking lots. This is an inane idea.

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This bill could be the most extreme attack on gun rights in Oregon history. This "amendment" to SB978 is insane.

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The sideshow hearing is impossible for me to attend. Please accept this written copy of uploaded testimony.

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These things are submitted in the Holy name of the Lord, Savior and Christ, Jesus.
Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

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