

Dear Committee Members,

Thank you for looking into the issue of gun control carefully. I would like to urge you to consider that "bad guys" don't follow the laws- especially the laws proposed in these amendments. Therefore, these amendments only hinder law abiding citizens from protecting themselves. Our police force does a great job protecting us- when they finally get there. However, most violent crimes are not **prevented** by police because the police don't arrive until after someone gets assaulted or killed- they just come to pick up the pieces. As an expectant mother, I am thankful I have the right to hold a CHL to protect myself and my child if threatened. I don't want to wait until some thug kidnaps my son, or beats me up when we're on a walk until the police *finally* get there. **Please don't take away my rights to protect myself and my defenseless children!** The proposed amendments to SB 978 do this! The effects of these amendments will be to take guns from responsible, law abiding citizens, and put them in the hands of criminals (who find ways to get them, no matter what *laws* you pass . . . because criminals don't obey laws!).

Thank you for considering my input

Sincerely,

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