

TESTIMONY FOR  
SB 978 Relating to firearms

To: Senate Judiciary Committee

FROM: Joan Weaver

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Please accept this letter as my formal testimony for SB 978.

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\* Allow gun stores to refuse to sell firearms and ammunition to young adults and exonerate gun dealers who violated our anti-discrimination laws, even if they did it before this bill was passed.

• I do not believe that our young adults are anymore a danger with a gun than their elders. Our family mentors our young children starting at age 8 during hunting seasons. My Granddaughter is an avid hunter, has turned 18, will graduate this year. This would take away her rights as an adult.

\* Require that your self-defense firearms be locked up. You can be prosecuted even if you did lock up your guns if someone has "access" to a device to defeat the lock.

• Self defense has an unknown factor, being that one "always" needs to be on the defense. It is not a sport where you take turns with offense and defense. This being so, there would never be a time that a self defense firearm could be locked up. On the second portion, you cannot hold someone responsible for a crime that they did not "willfully" participate in.

\* Hold gun owners responsible for two years for guns they "transferred" unless they could prove the transferred gun had a trigger or cable lock.

• Once an item is transferred it then becomes the responsibility of the owner. We are not responsible for another persons actions, period.

\* Hold gun owners responsible for crimes committed with guns that were stolen from them.

• This again is an overreach of any common sense thinking. I will not be held responsible for someone else's actions.

\* Ban "undetectable firearms." (3D all plastic)

• Does this include or exclude my grandkids BB Guns?

\* Ban "untraceable firearms"

• "Untraceable firearms" include many, many, firearms that have been handed down generation to generation. How can it be common sense to tell someone the gun they have that was their grandparents is now illegal to own?

\* Increase CHL fees.

- increasing fees would do nothing but make it more expensive for one who wants to be a responsible and legal concealed carry citizen. How does this fall into “common sense?”

\* Allows cities, counties, metropolitan service districts, airports, schools, colleges and universities to ban CHL holders from “public buildings.

- While I can accept no guns at Federal and State Government buildings, a government ban of CHL holders in this amendment would be considered “over reach” but allowing those that are not of the government that power is unconscionable.

\* Ban CHL holders from airports. No, not just the terminal. But the parking lots and grounds “adjacent” to parking lots.

- Why are CHL Holders being picked on? I have not heard of a CHL holder doing any killing sprees. I have, however heard of them helping to stop these crimes. The gun laws that are being pushed as common sense hold no weight. Empty laws that would do nothing to help victims of sick people using a gun to harm others. I believe the 2nd amendment and the Oregon Constitution gives all Oregon Citizens the right to bear arms,

Section 27. Right to bear arms; military subordinate to civil power. The people shall have the right to bear arms for the defence [sic] of themselves, and the State, but the Military shall be kept in strict subordination to the civil power[.]

This bill is unconstitutional and unenforceable.

Respectfully,

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Oregonian from birth, raised in the country where guns are a part of life.