

To the Oregon Legislature,

SB 978 is a draconian attempt to disenfranchise my Second Amendment right to bear arms as specified in our federal Constitution. This wrongheaded law will not deter violent criminals from possessing or using firearms. These bad people will always have black market access to firearms and ammunition. Even blanket gun registration or confiscation will not stop criminals from possessing firearms.

What this law does do is continue to deter law-abiding, tax-paying, responsible citizens from owning/carrying firearms or, in other words, disarm them. We all know this is your real goal. When government disarms law-abiding citizens but not criminals, it places good people in dangerous situations and places too much power in the hands of those in power.

In terms of 'saving lives', the average police response time in violent situations is somewhere around five minutes. Deadly encounters with violent criminals are usually over in 30 seconds.

You're not interesting in saving lives but rather disarming citizens for political power and control. Every totalitarian regime in modern history first went after the guns. You're not fooling anyone except the misinformed and ignorantly compliant. We will fight you every step of the way to the Supreme Court where we the people will prevail.

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