

Members of the Judicial Committee,

My name is Doug Seaborn from Eugene Oregon, I am providing you with my written testimony as I was able to have my voice heard in the regular session for SB-978. I am writing as a concerned citizen in opposition of SB-978.

Our representatives took an oath to uphold the constitution, this document is the cornerstone free citizenship. The 2nd amendment is part of this document and ends with "shall not be infringed." This bill is the epitome of infringement, not only does it make gun owners liable for crimes that criminals commit but it tells me how to act in my own home. I am a lawful citizen with a very clean record and do not understand why the state that I love would want to stamp me as a criminal because I believe that my 2nd amendment rights shall not be infringed. I urge you to strike this bill down as it has already been determined by the supreme court in 2008 District of Columbia v Heller to be anti-constitutional.

On June 26, 2008, the Supreme Court affirmed by a vote of 5 to 4 the Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit in Heller v. District of Columbia.[4][5]The Supreme Court struck down provisions of the Firearms Control Regulations Act of 1975 as unconstitutional, determined that handguns are "arms" for the purposes of the Second Amendment, found that the Regulations Act was an unconstitutional ban, and struck down the portion of the Regulations Act that requires all firearms including rifles and shotguns be kept "unloaded and disassembled or bound by a trigger lock". Prior to this decision the Firearms Control Regulation Act of 1975 also restricted residents from owning handguns except for those registered prior to 1975. It was the first Supreme Court case to decide whether the Second Amendment protects an individual right to keep and bear arms for self-defense.[2]

Please make sure our state does not waste our hard earned tax payer money on law suits that will overturn this if it passes. I appreciate you service to our state and the oath that you took to ensure you uphold the constitution of the United States.

“I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So help me God.”

Thank you,
Doug Seaborn