

Oppose SB 978

Hello, my name is Chris Greenhill, I have lived in Oregon since around 1989, in March 2017 I retired from the Department of Homeland Security with over 35 years of combined military and federal service. For my entire career, I served in one way shape or form in law enforcement and as a first responder. I was in the Army from 1980 to 1984. I was a military police officer and then became a (EOD) explosives ordinance disposal technician (Bomb Tech).

After leaving the army, I worked as reserve city police officer and a reserve county deputy sheriff in Michigan. In 1985, I was hired by the Dept. of Justice Federal Bureau of Prisons as a correctional officer where I worked for 14 plus years in several locations in the U.S. In 2000 I transferred over and became a federal police officer for the Federal Protective Service.

In 2009 I transferred again to a Anti terrorism group that specialized in assessing facilities for high risk chemicals, identified as targets for use by domestic and foreign terrorist organizations inside the U.S.

I have over 18 years as a volunteer fire fighter and 10 years as an EMT. I have been there, seen it, lived it and can debate this with the best on facts, not with emotions and non factual information.

The one thing that's important to realize that the day after I retired I became just another regular person. With all my training, background and career in law enforcement I was given no special protections. I have three concealed permits currently, this provides me the largest area possible to carry concealed allowed by federal, state and local laws. I still can't carry in certain states.

Friends of mine who are in law enforcement know if they are in my area I am there to support them and provide back up for them if needed. I have offered local law enforcement access to my property if they needed anything.

If this bill passes I will automatically become a felon. Guns that even the ATF doesn't have concerns with would become illegal for me to retain. My grand father's antique firearms that never had a serial number on them will be illegal. What's even better is that I can per ATF regulation I can buy, sell and trade these antique firearms that were made prior to 1898 and not have or need a FFL dealer license to do so. I can even ship them in the mail using the post office or UPS without having to declare them.

In the prison system there is a clear line between what we call inmates and convicts. I had numerous hours and hours of in depth conversation with true bad guys. These guys sit around and would watch the news and laugh at all you when it came to anti gun stuff. They would say "all these anti-gun people make it easier for them to attack" and take advantage of, like bringing sheep to the slaughter. They knowing make themselves targets, it's like them putting a big sign on themselves that says "come make me victim".

In housing units I worked I had rapist, child molesters, mafia, Crips, Bloods, Hells Angels, Mexican Mafia, Texas Syndicate, ex cops, ex U.S. Marshals, Arian Brotherhood, inmates convicted of espionage and terrorism just to name a few. I had one of the guys who smuggled guns for the Oliver North Iran Contra scandal and one of the last remaining members of the old Purple gang.

I had several of these convicts tell me that if they really needed a gun they would call 911 and they get a gun a car and all the stuff they needed as the cops brought it to them. They would simply ambush them and take their stuff.

The other item that gets me is the thing that a gun lock or device keeps weapons safe this is a false statement. I learned from inmates how to pick locks, defeat high security items, and bypass numerous alarm systems. YOUTUBE is filled with videos on how to break into safes and other items.

During last Tuesday's hearings I heard a retired army officer talk about how they made all the soldiers keep guns in the armory. I was in the army we had the same policy. It's ridiculous and an indictment of our military system. Think about it, the people in the service who are trained to give up their lives in combat can't be trusted to have a weapon in a barracks unless they are located in a war zone. That really worked in Texas on November 5th 2009 when a Major killed 13 on Ft Hood. No one could stop him until law enforcement showed up on an active duty Army base.

The other testimony that got me was from clergy who stated that they made all the areas gun free zones. One had a brother killed by a gun and somehow thinks a gun free zone mysteriously puts an impassable barrier around them that bad guys with guns can't penetrate. For people who are charged with keeping their flock safe they sure are herding the sheep into one area for the bad guys to take advantage of. This is total hypocrisy.

Then there is mom's for action. They made statements that had no foundation and it was obvious they had no idea about weapons. Somehow locking guns up raising the purchase age fixes this. They kept repeating, keeping people from unauthorized access or unauthorized use. I especially took concern over the lady who said her family was avid shooters all the guns were kept in the safe all her kids shoot. My question is I wonder how many of her kids know the combination to the safe. For safes with keys I bet almost everyone in the house knows where the keys are and can get into the safes anytime.

Then the one lady who spoke on stolen guns, she said that if the gun would have been recovered if it had been reported before it was used in a crime Like somehow the gun or all guns has a GPS on them that tells cops where it's at, these people again have no idea about anything.

I hate statistics they can be made to say whatever you want depending on how you want your argument to go. So here are my stats.

Currently statistics say only about 11 to 15 percent of stolen guns are recovered. The reports for stolen guns have risen significantly in recent years. Bad guys steal guns period, they watch and conduct surveillance and steal guns. If bad guys want something they will steal it. They are stealing heavy equipment and stealing ATM's. If places that have the best and heaviest physical security systems in place are having stuff stolen, a gun lock and even a safe will not stop them from stealing guns.

One teacher was scared because of the lockdown drills and the students as well. Ok, well I grew up in Michigan since day one in school we drilled for tornadoes. The alarm went off we piled out into the hallways and sat there until the drill was over. I must have done this a few hundred times.

We did it numerous times for real. We got so used to it I was never scared, I been through so many tornado alerts, warnings and take immediate cover alerts it's just part of life.

The reason I see these kids for being scared is we are teaching them to be sheep instead of being aware of their surrounding and situational awareness.

My kids are taught to be wolves not sheep, make good decision watch for bad guys stay out of bad areas and watch who and what you're getting into. How many times have we educated our kids on don't get into a car with a stranger. Stay in pairs, tell people where you're at, when your leaving, and when you get home.

We need more firearms education, more mental health training, education and treatment. This is the real issues not gun control.

I am willing to come testify for any hearings or meet with any representatives on this matter.

Sincerely, Chris Greenhill

In full opposition to SB978.

I will not comply!!!!

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Yamhill County **ORDERS and RESOLVES** as follows:

1. Yamhill County strongly affirms our commitment to the rights and liberties enshrined within the Constitutions of the United States of America and the State of Oregon preserving the people's right to keep and bear arms; and
2. Yamhill County opposes any state or federal law that abridges or is contrary to the provisions of the Constitutions of the United States of America and the State of Oregon preserving the people's right to keep and bear arms; and
3. Yamhill County strongly supports the right of the people to keep and bear arms as stated in the Constitutions of the United States of America, and Oregon as interpreted by the United States Supreme Court and Oregon Supreme court, and vigorously opposes any state or Federal law that unconstitutionally restricts these rights.
4. Yamhill County opposes any new state or federal law that would further restrict an individual person's general right to keep and bear arms, including firearms, firearms accessories or ammunition, and Yamhill County would be unable to expend any county resources for the implementation and enforcement of such new legislation.

DONE at McMinnville, Oregon on April 4, 2019

ATTEST

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FOR THE COUNTY OF YAMHILL

SITTING FOR THE TRANSACTION OF COUNTY BUSINESS

In the Matter of a Resolution)
Supporting Second Amendment)
Rights)
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RESOLUTION 19-

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF YAMHILL COUNTY, OREGON (“the Board”) sat for the transaction of county business in formal session on April 4, 2019, commissioners Richard L. “Rick” Olson, Mary Starrett, and Casey Kulla being present.

WHEREAS, The Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America states: “A well-regulated Militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.” and

WHEREAS, Article 1, Section 27 of the Oregon Constitution states: “The people shall have the right to bear arms for the defense [sic] of themselves, and the State, but the Military shall be kept in strict subordination to the civil power.” and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Yamhill County feel that public recognition of the Constitutions of the United States of American and Oregon as the documents that protect and preserve our democracy and liberty; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Yamhill County also recognizes that the first and last protectors of the Constitutions of the United States of America and Oregon are the people of the United States and Oregon, and that the ability of the people to fulfill that role rests in large part on the people’s right to bear arms as stated in the Constitutions of the United States of American and Oregon; and

WHEREAS, the significant majority of all lawfully owned firearms in the United States will not be used in a crime in any given year; and

WHEREAS, state and federal lawmakers continue to propose measures aimed at restricting all firearms and ammunition including bans, taxation, extensive waiting periods, registration, licensing, and even confiscation; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Legislature has introduced specific measures during the 2019 legislative session that would further restrict an individual person’s general right to keep and bear arms, including firearms, firearms accessories or ammunition.