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On Behalf Of: Citizens

Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary

Measure: SB348

Hello Senator Campos,

I just read proposed Senate Bill 348, which repeals Ballot Measure 114, and legislates a set of laws. I oppose this measure!

I am a retired 30 year police officer, NRA Law Enforcement Firearms Instructor, and current firearms trainer for citizens wishing to obtain their CHL.

This law is terrible on its face. It will make criminals out of law abiding citizens who wish to exercise their Second Amendment rights and protect their families. It will do nothing to stop the criminals. I stay in touch with many of my students. I have heard many instances where their use of their firearm prevented a tragic crime. I'm guessing you Senators have not researched how many "saves" a lawful use of a firearm occurs each year...It's hundreds of thousands each year per the FBI Uniform Crime Report (UCR).

Do you think a criminal willing to commit Murder, Rape, Robbery will go to the local police and apply for a permit and sit through my training class?

With every opposition or complaint should come a recommended solution. I recommend getting criminals off the street so they can't harm folks.

This law will be a real problem for a street officer to enforce fairly. It will cause undue burden on the justice system as well.

Finally, imagine if you will, a Senator who was eager to take their constituents rights away, that Senator could craft a bill and then vote for it, and it might read something like this:

"All Oregonians will have to pay for and attend a class put on by the police, get fingerprinted and photographed, and obtain a permit before they assemble or protest".

"All Oregonians will have to pay for and attend a class put on by the police, and obtain a permit before they go to church, mosque, or synagogue.

Get the picture? This is a nearly identical law imposed by Hitler, Pol Pot, Mussolini and Stalin before they slaughtered millions of families!

Please OPPOSE 348

Best Regards, Bennett