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On Behalf Of:
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I oppose SB 348 as an elected official for the people I encourage you to do the same. The United States of America and State of Oregon have a constitution that gives citizens the right to bear arms. This bill will limit the people of Oregon that right. Many who want to purchase may have limited funds, the cost of training and license fees will make it a hardship to purchase as set in this bill. For women who have to protect themselves from an abusive spouse or significant other, now has to wait and apply for a license to purchase, take classes and wait again before she can protect herself. Those who live in rural Oregon and in low income areas this would be a hardship. The areas where law enforcement has a longer response time. Our state already does background checks and conceal carry licenses, let that system work. Statistics show that licensed handgun owners are more helpful to law enforcement and are not the threat. Statistics show that gun free zones don't work. More crimes happen where there is no threat. Allow the laws we already have to be enforced and let the prosecutors prosecute. Show the criminals that you won't allow for the crime in Oregon and watch the crime go down.