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On Behalf Of:  
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Measure: SB348

Please oppose this bill. It will not make us safer. If you have not read the following Harvard study, please do before voting. **WOULD BANNING FIREARMS REDUCE MURDER AND SUICIDE? A REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL AND SOME DOMESTIC EVIDENCE** by DON B. KATES AND GARY MAUSER. It has very strong evidence that the removal of firearms does NOT increase citizen safety. The same level of murder, suicide, and violent crimes occur. Controlling guns simply isn't the answer!

Anecdotaly, this type of legislation doesn't work, as we have seen repeatedly in the past several decades. Instead of trying failed policies and "acting" like you are solving the problem, put our time, money, and efforts to work for something that might work. Our state does not have the resources to implement M114, so the system cannot handle what you are trying to do. Again, this is acting like you are trying to solve the problem when you know you are not.

The Bruen decision created a new standard to determine 2A constitutionality. And this bill will violate it. We know that it will be caught up in courts, never being implemented, until it is struck down as unconstitutional. Again, this is acting like you are trying to solve the problem when you know you are not.

Another reason to oppose this bill is that the proposed regulations negatively affect women and minorities the most. These people have the right to protect themselves too!

Increasing the cost of permit-to-purchase from \$65 to \$150 may assuage the financial difficulties you have with the bill, but what will it do to the poor? This creates a type of cast system that I'm sure you don't want in the US. It is like an Oligarchy where only the rich and connected have full rights and access to the benefits of society. This bill is essentially saying: No money, no Second Amendment rights. And that is morally wrong!

Again, as the Harvard study proved; None of this does anything to make us safer. Voting for changes like backdating SB 348 to 12/8/2022 so it criminalizes any high-capacity magazines purchased since 12/8/22 makes me wonder if those who vote for it really want to solve the problem of violence or just remove firearms.

Please oppose this bill so we can concentrate our mental, fiscal, and emotional resources on actually reducing violence.