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Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary  
Measure: SB348

Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

I am writing you today in direct opposition of SB 348! The Oregon legislature is being influenced by outside groups like Lift Every Voice Oregon (LEVO) and Mom's Demand Action (MDA) to circumvent the judicial process. What is really important to realize is that fear and emotions DO NOT out weigh constitutionally protected rights. Our rights don't come from the government, they are given to us when we are born. Our Constitution is a document that is meant to restrain the overreach from our government. Every Oregonian should be outraged that then Oregon Senate is being used by special interest groups in a lawless manner to circumvent the system.

The Bruen decision that came out last June from the Supreme Court set a new standing on how our 2nd Amendment rights are supposed to be viewed. SB 348 are in direct violation of this ruling. This will be challenged in court and this will be overturned. SB 348 also raises the cost of the Permit to Purchase (PTP) from \$65 to \$150!! This negatively impacts people of color that live in urban environments and also single mom's that cant afford this outlandish price to protect themselves. There is no equity and on at face value SB 348 is both racist and sexist because it effects women plus people of color at a higher rate than it would me, a middle class person. What if you wanted to get an abortion and had to pay an extra \$150, wait to get your abortion permit approved, then have to pass a background check? The baby might have been already born by the time all of it got approved by the State. It's the same logic you are using to limit are Constitutional rights. "My Choice" are the words one would use to counter that argument , the State of Oregon is okay with it for abortion, just apply the same judgement to firearm ownership. We are not subjects and we are not ruled by the Oregon legislature. It is past time that you start listening to the voters in your districts, not just the ones that pay you and help you retain your power. Absolute power, corrupts absolutely and this is exactly what this overreach is.

You all should be ashamed of yourselves. Oregon gun owners are not your enemy. We are your neighbors, we are your coworkers, voters, and most importantly we are tax payers. We are awake, we are paying attention, and we WILL pushback on this unconstitutional law. We will see you in court and we WILL win.