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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary  
Measure: SB348

Dear Committee,  
SB 348 is essentially no different than Measure 114. Although there are some minor changes the bill, in substance is still a gun grab. Law abiding citizens who know gun safety are not the problem. Mental health status is clearly an issue that has more bearing on the problems that the sponsors of these bills want to solve. Strangling the rights of Oregonians will not help anyone. Poor mental health is a multi-faceted problem in our society that needs to be addressed now rather than later. This distraction to slowly remove firearms will not change the current problem.

Data to consider: Traffic deaths in 2022 were 602. Drug related deaths in 2021 were 1069 (CDC Info) Firearm related death 2022 were 456.

It seems to me we should be looking at the greater numbers. A thought to consider: are we more comfortable with drug and traffic deaths because we are comfortable with drugs and automobiles?

Information from Oregon Health Authority shows that most firearms deaths are suicide. How does gun safety training from an approved instructor prevent this?

Thank you for considering the full picture.  
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