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

Dear Committee,

Thank you for taking my testimony. I would like to object in the strongest terms my opposition to SB348. This measure takes the ill conceived Ballot Measure 114 and makes it even worse. The aforementioned ballot measure was proposed as a way to blunt the increasing so called "gun violence" that plagues the state, but in reality will do absolutely nothing except infringe upon the lawful gun owners of the state.

When I took my US citizenship exam almost 20 years ago, I didn't notice any language stating that I needed to get government permission to exercise my constitutional rights. However this bill if passed, sees fit that I will need permission from the state to go buy a gun-who concocts such nonsense? I also see the fees have been jacked up \$110 vs. \$65 making the process more unaffordable for those who are poorer, and the time period to conduct the checks necessary for the permit to purchase has been increased from 30 to 60 days. Way to go for the majority party that wraps itself up in the cloak of virtue, diversity, inclusivity, and equity!

I also object to the so called high capacity magazine ban. Why do the military and police get a carve out allowing them to protect themselves with firearms featuring high capacity magazines, but I as the private citizen will not? Ironically the bills language is such that once those individuals in the military and police are off duty, they can only be trusted to carry firearms with a 10 round magazine-go figure. Also why are law abiding individuals who buy firearms with high capacity magazines targeted for criminalization if those purchases occur after December 22nd 2022? With BM 114 on hold current law makes this process entirely legal, once again, this is another example of the states contempt for its law abiding gun owners.

Lastly I object to the background check process that allows the state an indefinite amount of time to complete a background check, and for those transfer prior to July 24th 2024, add an additional 3 day waiting period after approval is gained. The federal 3 day limit is there for a reason. There is no justification for a background check to take so long, if it does then it's the background check protocols that need improving.

When you look at this measures intended goals, they have nothing to do with the safety of the public. Social justice policies enacted within the state and its larger cities, along with a depletion of the ranks in law enforcement due to the defund the police mantra, are why we have so called gun violence at a record high. This bill is

just a nasty and vindictive attack on the states law abiding gun owners by the majority party who have created the aforementioned problems. I urge you to vote no on this bill.

Thank you.