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I am a lifetime Oregon resident, born and raised and I have always been a law-abiding citizen. In the State of Oregon, the crime rate has gone up exponentially and local law enforcement has been understaffed. There are carjackings, home invasions, muggings, criminals running from the police and hiding in and around people's houses. These criminals are very often armed and dangerous and have no respect for human life. My wife was just involved in a hit and run where the suspect had a criminal past. He was driving over 100 MPH down a 35 MPH city street. As he approached the intersection my wife was crossing, he had a red light. He slowed down to 65 MPH and went into the bike lane to continue to elude police. He then hit the side of my wife's car and sent her car clear across the street and spun her car 180 degrees. He then left on foot before he could even get his car stopped. He then ran into a business to hide and decided that it wasn't a good enough spot to hide. He attempted to steal a car from the business parking lot and was running out of time with the police getting close. He then ran to a home and burglarized the home to hide. The police still caught him, but They were short staffed and didn't have time to even stop at the accident scene. What if the house he broke into was a single mom with kids? With this new law in place she wouldn't have the option to look into purchasing a firearm to protect her family, What if it was a physically disabled person that owned the home and they needed a firearm to protect themselves from this guy? The criminal in this case would have the upper hand and the law-abiding citizen would just be another victim. Take this scenario and put it into your life, with your family members. I'm not saying firearms are the best option, but people in this country have that right to have that option under the 2nd Amendment. SB 348 is taking that option, choice, and right away from them. At this current time police can barely respond to the current workload, often creating long waits for service to the public. SB 348 is and will continue to put a strain on police, by taking away their focus to serve and protect our communities. That affects the whole state and everyone in it, changing the focus from criminals to law abiding citizens. We all know that isn't where the focus needs to be.

I recently went and tried to buy a firearm because I was afraid of being prevented from being able to buy a gun to be able to protect my family. The background check queue was showing literally tens of thousands of people ahead of me and prevented me from making a firearm purchase. The state has blocked me from my 2nd amendment right with SB 348 and Measure 114. This was very scary for me because, in these challenging times a gun is literally a lifeline for me, and I need the ability to protect my family. I am literally the backbone of this family for them to survive, I am the main provider.

The point of my testimonial is to try and impress upon you and your elected

colleagues to understand the sheer devastation to law abiding citizens SB 348 & Measure 114 is about to cause. Law-abiding gun owners are not the problem, and we never were. Do you want to make that choice that he is limited to how many rounds his firearm can have? Your decision may cost someone their life.

SB 348, as written, will do absolutely nothing to prevent crime, but instead places additional burdens on the law-abiding citizens who willingly comply with the law. It creates a burdensome process that is so difficult for every law-abiding gun owner to maneuver, just to comply, yet a criminal will get a gun off the streets that could be used against me or my family any time they want. Now with the application and renewal cost going up from what was presented on Measure 114 it sure goes to show that this is just another way for the state to squeeze its people for more money. This whole bill is bad for Oregon. I oppose SB 348.