

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, I submit the following testimony in opposition to the proposed SB348:

1st. I am offended by the requirement under this proposed law that I must pay substantial amounts of money to acquire the right to exercise my Second Amendment rights under the U.S. Constitution. There are many in this Country who may need a firearm to hunt for subsistence or feel the need of a firearm for self-protection, but the burden of the expense of the \$150 application fee, plus whatever the training might cost, puts this out of their reach, financially. As a divorced mother and sole support of two sons, from the age of 1 and 3, until they were in college, I am offended at the discrimination against those who are forced to choose between food and school clothes for their children, and the ability to exercise their Constitutional right to a firearm. It is a sorry state of affairs when we are required to pay to take advantage of our rights given to us by the U.S. Constitution. What is next, requiring payment in order to vote in this Country, leaving elections to those that can afford to vote?

2nd. I find the proposed law administratively and fiscally irresponsible. There is nothing in place to allow the agencies charged with administering the proposed law to act at implementation of the law. In addition, there is no financial assistance to the agencies charged with administering the proposed law to put the required policies, personnel and facilities in place in order to comply with the law. The already shorthanded and underfunded law enforcement agencies are already overburdened with their current responsibilities. The idea of such a poorly written law being allowed to increase those problems for law enforcement is amazingly misguided and irresponsible.

3rd. Both subsistence and recreational hunting often utilize firearms that are built to only function with magazine capacities of 10 rounds or more. To limit the ability of Oregon citizens to hunt with the firearms of their choice is unconscionable. Hunting in Oregon is a tradition handed down from generation to generation ever since the pioneers of the Oregon Trail. This same hunting tradition is one that is given by parent to child as a family tradition and raising the age at which a person can own a firearm from 18 to 21 also impedes the ability of families to carry on this tradition.

4th. Thought should be given as to what this very burdensome law might create in the way of new outlets for obtaining firearms, either legal or

otherwise. For example, all the Oregon Native American Tribal Governments have been granted sovereign government status by the Federal government, which means they must comply with Federal laws, but are exempt from State laws, fees and taxes. If the State makes it difficult to impossible to obtain a firearm, through expense and bureaucracy, might the Native American Tribal governments choose to start their own industry of firearm production and/or firearm sales, free from the burdens and requirements put in place by the State of Oregon. Examples of the Tribal governments taking advantage of being able to disregard State taxes and requirements would be the history of the sale of cheap gasoline and Tribal “Smoke Shops” selling cheap tobacco. So long as the activity by the Tribal government takes place on Tribal lands, the State of Oregon has no jurisdiction.

5th. I urge everyone involved in the advancement of this proposed laws to recall the results of recent elections, including the close race for Governor of the State of Oregon and the slim margin that passed the controversial Measure 114. Those silent Oregonians are beginning to speak out and make themselves known, with campaigning, registering to vote and actually voting. If the trend of the past few years continue, the slim margin will probably slip to the other side. Implementation of such a burdensome and discriminatory bureaucracy governing firearm purchases may hasten the shift. If you truly represent the people of the State of Oregon, you need to start representing all the people of the State of Oregon.

Respectfully submitted,

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