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

Opposition to SB348

Dear: Senate Representative

I am writing to you in regards to SB348. Requiring a permit to purchase, training classes, extended wait times and drastically increasing the fees for renewal will do nothing but hurt law abiding citizens. Background checks are already done to purchase. Furthermore the high cost is only going to hurt low income people and put gun ownership out of reach for many who have done nothing wrong. Low income areas are already higher in crime and will severely restrict law abiding citizens from being able to defend themselves and their families putting them further at risk. A magazine ban of 10 or more rounds wont stop anything either. Banning anyone under the age of 21 is not going to prevent or stop anything. Banning those under 21 takes away an enjoyable hobby or a way for kids that compete in youth leagues to earn scholarships. Banning them isn't going to prevent crimes or criminals from doing what they are gonna do or make anyone safer. In fact kids should be taught gun safety from a young age not banned from it. You're less likely to have an issue if you learn proper handling and care and are not fearful of them. Teens are allowed to go off to war at 18 but you wanna ban them from owning guns? Makes absolutely no sense. Blaming guns for a crime is like blaming cars for DUI's and MVA's. They are both inanimate objects and need a live person to pull the trigger or to push the pedal. We don't have a gun problem , we have a heart, soul and mind problem. A society that no longer values life cant be legislated into it. More laws won't stop anything. All they do is hurt law abiding citizens. Restricting and turning law abiding citizens into criminals while allowing criminals to run free does not fix anything. In Fact it makes everyone less safe. I strongly urge you to vote NO on this bad gun bill and all others.

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