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

Dear Committee,

Please strongly consider the common sense arguments in opposition to these unnecessary, superfluous and onerous firearms ownership restrictions contained in SB348.

Oregon already has universal background checks covering both private and retail sales, thus law abiding residents are already regulated in this manner, being granted or denied the right to purchase a firearm. Criminals with a record obviously do not go through background checks to purchase a firearm, no matter how many you put on the books.

The "permit to purchase" is literally just another rule that criminals will ignore, but is completely redundant and unnecessary for law abiding residents because of the universal background checks listed above.

Furthermore, the expense of the permit may be an issue preventing someone from legally obtaining a firearm in order to exercise their right to keep and bear arms as guaranteed by both the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Oregon.

The magazine restrictions are also onerous. Most commonly available handguns specifically designed for civilian self-defense to in fact come with magazines over 10rds. Restricting the capacity for law abiding citizens is just that, restricting it for law abiding citizens, not criminals.

The age restrictions are also absurd. Young adults can enter into legally binding contracts, vote, be drafted, etc.

Please do not move this bill forward as it is blatantly unconstitutional and just wrong on a practical and ethical level as well.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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