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On Behalf Of:  
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Public written testimony for sb348.

My name is Matthew Smith and I am a life long Oregonian currently residing in Washington county.

I oppose the amendments and the bill in its entirety. The people's constitutional right to arm themselves shall not be infringed upon.

I work in the city of Portland and bare witness to the rise of criminality and violence. Emergency response times for police are falling and failing. When the police are not at operational capacity standards, we the people inherit more risk. Now the same party of defund the police, open borders, incentivizing drug addicts into our state, and allowing Antifa and BLM to get away nearly scott free with rioting and looting, now wants to take the ability for the tax paying citizens to defend themselves.

I have a right to defend myself, my family, my fellow citizens, and my property. This soft on crime policy coupled with disarming good responsible tax paying citizens needs to stop. Last minute 64 page unannounced amendments smell of deceitful dirty political tactics . This bill infringes on our constitutional rights, it restricts law abiding citizens and the good guys from having equal means of protection. In no way should this bill proceed.

This is derelict of duty by trying to pass unconstitutional legislation. It is an insult to us citizens and infringes upon our inalienable rights as humans. Furthermore, it is more waste of tax dollars. Your time representing us seems to be spent on more tyrannical measures that we all know doesn't pass the constitutional smell test... yet you move forward with this stuff in the middle of night with amendments without public disclosure so it has a better chance to move forward. What ever happened to the Oath to uphold the constitution?

We are top five for State tax rates in our nation and look at our state of affairs in Oregon. Emergency orders and crisis after crisis followed with solutions that exacerbate the issues. Our own tax dollars are funding the problems. Now the solution to public safety is to disarm those you have failed? This bill will further incentivize criminality and criminals will become more bold knowing there is less chance of their victims being able to defend themselves. Criminals don't care, they base their decisions on how easy the target is and how big the score will be. I do care and this bill will do nothing to deter gun violence and instead will make the good

people of Oregon less safe.

I appreciate the opportunity regardless if this was last minute political tactic.  
Thankyou for allowing my perspective into this process.

Sincerely,

Matthew Smith