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

SB 348

Dear members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary,
I am Strongly Opposed to SB 348, and Ballot measure 114 which it seeks to modify. As you are aware the full text of ballot measure 114 has been placed under a preliminary injunction and barred from being enforced until such a time as the permitting system is in place so that a ruling can be made on its constitutionality. To make sweeping changes such as these seems irresponsible at best. The main issue of what was a poorly written ballot measure aside, these changes marginalize the poorer and younger Oregonians, preventing them from exercising their rights to bear arms in defense of themselves and the state. The meager exemptions exclude effective means of self defense and prohibit them from obtaining standard capacity magazines which will put them at a disadvantage to those intent on doing harm.

Section 11 of this bill and its proposed -1 amendment would create a retroactive penalty against Oregonians who were operating under the status quo preserved by the temporary restraining orders and preliminary injunction set out by the state court. Does charging Oregonians with a Class A misdemeanor actually make us safer?. Regulating the possession and use of magazines of any size will only affect those Oregonians not bent on committing crimes.

Section 6.3(a)(B) of this amended bill creates a new 72 hour waiting period AFTER someone has been approved for a firearms transfer. According to this bill this can only occur AFTER they have submitted to a background check for the transfer which can only happen AFTER they have submitted to a background check for a permit. How does this keep an average Oregonian safe? How does this allow an Oregonian to protect themselves, their family and their home? Will the felons who are currently acquiring through illegal means submit to these checks? Of course not!

SB 348 and Measure 114 which it is based on do nothing to ensure the safety and security of our state. They prohibit Oregonians from exercising their rights, they disproportionately affect the poor and endangered in our community making them wait 2 months or more to be approved for a permit. This is not factoring in time for classes, scheduling and costs involved with that, and then make them wait at least 3 more days to pick up the firearm they submitted to no less than 2 background checks to acquire.

Senators, I implore you to put your personal beliefs to the side and see that this bill is not good for Oregon or for Oregonians. It places the lawful citizen at a disadvantage to the criminal while adding no increase to public safety. I urge you to vote no on this bill, its -1 amendment, and to revise to a repeal of measure 114 in its entirety.

Sincerely,

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