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Oregon Senate Bill # 348

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing this brief letter to strongly oppose this most recent bill that was proposed, Senate Bill # 348.

As you are aware this bill amends measure 114 was passed in November of 2022. Please consider in your decision that this measure only passed by a margin of approximately 27,000 votes out of 1,911, 376 cast. Less than 1.5%. Clearly this was a very divisive measure that was carried by a limited geographical area within our state.

Measure 114 is now being reviewed on the state and federal level as you are all aware.

Senate bill # 348 on its surface appears to be an attempt to “work around” the court challenges and in fact add additional language. We as citizens require better from our elected officials.

1. Raise the age to purchase a firearm to 21 years of age.
  - a. In Oregon you may purchase tobacco at 18 years of age
  - b. In Oregon you may vote at 18 years of age
  - c. In Oregon you may get an abortion at 16 years of age
  - d. In Oregon you may enter military service at 18 years of age
    - i. Common sense should indicate if all of these actions are deemed appropriate for Oregon’s population at the age of 18 and younger, should not those same individuals have the right to purchase a firearm?
2. Increase the application fee from a maximum of \$ 65.00 to \$ 150.00.
  - a. An \$ 85.00 increase to apply
    - i. Please explain this increase to the citizens you work for
      1. We can only imply that the initial ballot measure # 114 was poorly prepared and researched as it was presented to have a maximum impact of no more the \$ 65.00 on the citizens
      2. Does this not adversely impact low income and financial challenged among our state
      3. How does this measure support the D.E.I. supposed goals
3. Backdate the measure for the ban on magazines to December 12, 2022
  - a. Effectively you will now as the state have the potential ability to charge Oregon citizens with a misdemeanor crime for an action that was legal at the time it occurred.
    - i. Please consider these ramifications in your decision. The precedence this establishes should be frightening to all of us.

This is a bill that if passed you honestly know will drag our state back into long and expensive court proceedings. Can we not utilize our tax dollars in a more responsible and prudent manner.

Please vote "NO" on this measure.