

I am encouraging you with all my heart and logic to oppose SB0348. Please stop the waste of tax dollars promoting this and similar unconstitutional bills and defending an unconstitutional Initiative petition. The second amendment has been argued from both sides. But all the intellectualizing has not changed its simple meaning ... Citizens of the USA have THE RIGHT to keep and bear arms, "and it shall not be infringed". Since when do "We the people.." have to ask permission to avail ourselves of our rights? I know you/they are (or think they are) reducing gun violence, but study after study after study has shown that criminals don't care about the laws. And in today's world of cashless or no bail, early release, defunding the police, DA s lack of prosecution, the criminals are even bolder, and more and more people are joining that side. Aren't lawmakers charged with making laws to reduce criminals and their crimes in order to keep their represented citizenry safe? Seems like unarming law abiding citizens or if they won't comply converting them to the 'dark side' is only producing more criminals not fewer. If local state or federal DOJ are not prosecuting criminals and enforcing the laws on the books now, what do you think is going to happen when more laws are added? There are laws already on the books designed to keep the guns out of the hands of criminals, but they are not enforced. The guns don't hurt people, people hurt people. Whether suicide, domestic abuse/violence/homicide, public shootings, gang shootings or mass murder. The laws/solutions need to be focused on the 'person' committing the crime. Statistics can be manipulated, but plain facts don't care about feelings, emotions, or intentions. Facts show that sure consequences are a deterrent to criminals. Any deterrent is better than no deterrent. But with the current criminal justice system skewed to favor the criminal's rights over the victim's rights. And with little or no prosecution and even lower chance of prison time, that equals no deterrent. When I and tens of millions of law abiding gun owners like me are being made into criminals by ill-conceived laws, maybe we'll just join the other side. Just continue to have and use our guns & high-capacity magazines as before, not hurting anyone unless they try to hurt us or our loved ones, (because the police can't afford to nor are they obligated to protect us), the odds appear to be on our side of never being prosecuted or spending any time in prison.

Oppose SB0348 and write enforceable legislation that includes money for law enforcement, prosecution, and deterrents for criminals, (which aren't always prison).

Earnestly, ..... ~Norman Rogers