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

As a constituent, I am telling you to oppose Senate Bill 348.

The NYSRPA v. Bruen verdict passed by the Supreme Court last June was a watershed moment in American history. What began as a fight against the arbitrary power of government apparatchiks to grant concealed carry permits, often with a dollop of corruption, ended with a judicial standard that limits the power of government to infringe upon our right to keep and arms. The new guidance from the Supreme Court places the burden of proof on the government to show that a law that implicates the Second Amendment rights of citizens is in line with the nation's history and tradition of firearms regulation.

Between 1994 and 2004, the federal government banned the manufacture, sale, or transfer of assault weapons and large-capacity magazines. A subsequent Department of Justice study found no evidence that the ban had had any effect on gun violence and stated that "should it be renewed, the ban's effects on gun violence are likely to be small at best and perhaps too small for reliable measurement."

A recent study published this year in the Journal of General Internal Medicine examined state gun control policies and found NO statistically significant relationship between assault weapon or large-capacity magazine bans and homicide rates. A Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) study came to the same conclusion.

A REMINDER FROM HISTORY . . .

"A free people ought not only be armed and disciplined, but they should have sufficient arms and ammunition to maintain a status of independence from any who might attempt to abuse them. Which would include their own government." George Washington

"No free man shall ever be debarred the use of arms."
Thomas Jefferson

"When the government takes away citizens' right to bear arms it becomes citizens' duty to take away the government's right to govern." George Washington

FOR ANY POLITICIAN TO CRIMINALIZE THE POSSESSION OF LEGAL PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNED BY 50.8% OF 4.3 MILLION OREGONIANS WHICH TOTALS

2,184,400 LAW ABIDING CITIZENS WHOM ARE RESPONSIBLE GUN OWNERS IS THE DEFINITION OF TYRANNY !

Law abiding citizens ARE NOT THE PROBLEM. CRIMINALS that IGNORE the LAWS we are FORCED to ABIDE BY are the PROBLEM !

There has never been a law written that will stop evil people from getting guns. If there was such a law we wouldn't be having the problem we do with criminals using guns to commit crimes. Taking my legally owned private property is not going to stop evil people from doing evil deeds.

BASED ON THOSE FACTS, I stand with the MAJORITY of those GUNOWNERS WHO WILL NOT COMPLY. Period.

Respectfully