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

Dear Senators,

I write to oppose the egregious and unconstitutional SB 348. This unconstitutional bill is poorly written, poorly conceived, and does nothing to prevent firearm mortality.

Oregon will spend millions of dollars defending this law in court in the face of Bruen and other recent court decisions and will likely lose.

Meanwhile, normal Oregonians will be forced to go through expensive, absurdist rituals to purchase firearms, while criminals will not. This legislation will lead to a host of issues including onerous fees inaccessible to the poor, black markets, less compliance, and more contempt for the law.

To add more insult to injury, the Multnomah County DA regularly drops firearm offenses for lesser guilty pleas. Punishing law-abiding citizens for the acts of criminals who themselves are not punished will not fix our broken system or societal violence. It will however cost Oregonians money, their rights, and their ability to defend themselves.