

March 29, 2023

Senator Floyd Prozanski, Chair  
Senator Kim Thatcher, Vice-Chair  
Senate Judiciary Committee  
State Capitol  
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: **I support SB 348-1**

Dear Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher, and Committee members:

I'm a gun owner who completed an NRA hunter safety course as a teenager. I competed on a rifle team in college. I'm a Vietnam veteran, a retired Navy officer, and served five terms as Benton County's District Attorney.

I support SB 348-1. The bill clearly benefits from the advice of experts and advocates in recent months. **It is an improved version of M114, which I also supported.**

I am comfortable that purchasers of long guns typically used for hunting or target shooting will not be required to have a permit. They will, however, be required to complete a firearms safety course like the one I took as a teenager.

**SB 348-1 may well prevent tragedies like the recent mass shooting in Nashville** by an emotionally disturbed heavily-armed assailant.

I do recommend, however, that the Legislature **fund a buyback program** to help remove ghost and unserialized guns from circulation.

Respectfully,

Pete Sandrock  
Portland

p.s. I remain deeply grateful to Lift Every Voice Oregon and its leaders for their inspirational work.