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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Veterans, Emergency
                                         Management, Federal and World Affairs

Measure, Appointment   SB947
        or Topic:

Good morning Senate Committee On Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal
and World Affairs,

I am writing you on behalf of the proposed SB 947, and my strong opposition to this
potential bill. In reading through the proposed bill, it appears to be a poorly crafted
effort to reinvent the meaning of the words "militia" and "national guard" with the
purpose of restricting more Constitutionally protected rights and telling Oregonians
that their love and protection of their State, does not matter. This bill leans toward
further infringements on our citizens, and is another dangerous step towards the
further destruction of our beloved Constitution.

This bill is viewed by many as an attempt to subvert the actual definition of the terms
"militia" and "national guard". A basis for future legislation to enact stricter controls of
Oregon's citizens and enacting stricter controls as to firearms rights and undermine
the Second Amendment of the Constitution. The idea of the militia by our founding
fathers is not only the last line of defense but it was also part of the reason we have
these rights in the first place.

Oregon has real problems we need our government leaders to face and address.
Our streets are running rampant with homeless and violent drug addicts, public
schools that our failing our children in academics, city budgets in disarray and
shortfalls, etc. Our government leaders emphasized that these are priorities, yet they
continue to propose such bills like SB 947 and waste tax dollars to do so, when real
priorities need to be address. This bill would not make the public safer, and only
further infringe on the law abiding citizens of our great state. I am in strong
opposition to this bill and I strongly urge you to end this discussion on SB 947 and
oppose it wholeheartedly.

Thank you for your time and your service to Oregon.

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