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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB947

This bill attempts to abrogate citizens' 2A rights to keep and bear arms and exclusively assign those rights to the "national guard" [sic], all by redefining the word "militia." No matter how you cut it, "militias" are defined as collectively composed of private citizens, not trained soldiers. If this awful bill passes, ordinary Oregonians will be deprived of their 2A rights to keep and bear arms, while the National Guard ALONE will be allowed to carry and use firearms. Since the National Guard serves at the behest of the governor, this bill effectively grants the governor dictatorial powers over all Oregon citizens, who would have no means of self-defense, including the protecting of their homes and properties. Frankly, I am astounded that SB 947 has even seen the light of day, considering how blatantly unconstitutional it is. Liberal Oregon judges might uphold it, but the Supreme Court will not. I strongly urge you to withdraw this truly horrible bill from consideration.

Sincerely,

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