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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB947

I strongly oppose this bill on several levels. First off, I am not inclined to support a bill that changes the Oregon Constitution without a vote of the people. Second the term militia is pretty clearly defined in Both The US Constitution and The Oregon Constitution as including every able bodied citizen, in addition to the Organized state operated National guard. Third it appears to be an attempt to erode 2nd amendment rights by removing the the idea of an unorganized militia from the OR Constitution, the next step being banning a new definition of what a militia is, so that those deemed to be a part of a militia can be singled out and prosecuted. Fourth, it could be used as a means of centralizing government power and control. Fifth, it would muddy well established definitions and put the OR constitution as odd with the US Constitution. Lastly it would offer no improvement to safety, governance or citizen responses to national disasters.

DO NOT PASS! VOTE NO!