

## Gun Safety Petition

Cedar Hills United Church of Christ

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We, the undersigned, believe that the individual right to bear and keep arms secured by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution is far from unlimited. The Supreme Court has recently reaffirmed some longstanding restrictions on firearm sales and possession, carrying of firearms in sensitive places, and laws prohibiting possession of dangerous and unusual weapons, however, gun violence in our society continues to be a significant public health crisis. Our government's failures to impose constitutionally permissible regulations on possession, sale and use of firearms contributes enormously to that crisis. Therefore, we urge you to pass legislation to expand background checks on private gun sales, as well as continuing to support the following:

### 1.) No guns in schools: SB 347

<http://www.leg.state.or.us/13reg/measures/sb0300.dir/sb0347.intro.html>

SB 347 removes the current exemption in the law that allows individuals with concealed handgun licenses to carry loaded guns into schools. Law enforcement officers will still be able to carry their guns into schools. School districts may opt out of this restriction and allow concealed handgun license holders to carry guns into schools.

### 2.) Banning large capacity magazines: SB 346

<http://www.leg.state.or.us/13reg/measures/sb0300.dir/sb0346.intro.html>



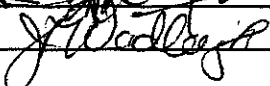
SB 346 bans large capacity magazines and clips. The bill defines large capacity magazines as those with the capacity to hold more than 10 rounds of ammunition.

Large capacity magazines can dramatically increase death tolls and have no legitimate place in our neighborhoods. Even hunters are restricted from using large capacity magazines: there is a five cartridge limit for large game hunting, and three for bird hunting. If we limit capacity for hunting animals, why do we not extend that principle to guns that may harm our neighbors?

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