

Senate Committee On Judiciary  
Sen. Prozanski, Chair  
Sen. Close, Vice-Chair  
Sen. Dingfelder  
Sen. Kruse  
Sen. Roblan

Written Testimony in Opposition to SB 347, SB 699, SB 700 & SB 796

Dear Senators,

I writing to request that you vote against SB 347, SB 699, SB 700, & SB 796. These measures do nothing to improve and protect Oregonians' safety, but rather decrease it.

Three of these measures (SB 347, SB 699, & SB 796) are directed against Concealed Handgun License (CHL) holders, almost 170,000 law abiding Oregonians who have voluntarily undergone extensive background checks and extra training and who have not committed any illegal act that would warrant any of those three bills.

The fourth (SB 700) is aimed against actions that are already illegal under a number of state and federal laws and thus an unnecessary addition. It is already against the law to either buy a firearm when prohibited or to knowingly sell a firearm to such person.

For those Senators who feel that the family exceptions to SB 700 are enough to pass it, please remember the past demagoguery about the so-called "gunshow loophole". If passed, I would expect that we will be back here next session to close the "family loophole" that 'allows criminals to bypass background checks'.

I hope the Committee will reconsider these bills and vote against each as every one of these as flawed rather than giving in to the knee jerk reactions of those who want to ban all private ownership of firearms.

Firearms are not the problem. Law abiding Oregonians are not the problem. Criminals are the problem. Please focus future legislation on the criminals, not the ones who follow the law.

Sincerely,

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