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Senator Prozanski  
Chair, Senate Judiciary

Re: Opposition to Senate Bills 347, 699, 700 and 796

Dear Chairman Prozanski,

My name is Gail Whitsett and I represent Oregon House District 56 in the Oregon Legislature. My address is: 23131 N. Poe Valley Rd., Klamath Falls, OR 97603.

This testimony is regarding Senate Bills 347, 699, 700 and 796. I stand in firm opposition to all four of these bills based on the fact they are an infringement of our Second Amendment Rights.

It is my fervent belief that our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Rights (To keep and bear arms) are the single most important rights that we possess as free men and women, in the world today.

The inalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness that we are guaranteed by the U.S. Declaration of Independence are protected, ultimately, only by the right to protect ourselves from annihilation or subjugation by an overreaching central government.

Historically, governments throughout the world have been responsible for the largest number of deaths against their own citizens.

Stalin killed an estimated 50 – 60 million Russian citizens.

Hilter killed an estimated 6 million Jewish people.

Pol Pot killed an estimated 2 million fellow Cambodians.

It is not wars, nor natural disasters that have resulted in the largest deaths of humans in history, but genocide by central governments against their political enemies.

It is my opinion that the single thing preventing an oppressive government from killing its political foes is a well-armed citizenry.

Respectfully,

Representative Gail Whitsett  
House District 56