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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary  
Measure: SB348

I am in opposition to SB 348.

To prevent the lawful purchase of a firearm of 18-21 year old adults is an egregious violation of their constitutional rights.

To impose a fee, also know as a tax, to exercise one's constitutional right of buying a firearm is an undue burden financially to many. Financial status and the ability to pay a fee to pass a class that grants the right to buy a firearm, should not exclude those who cannot afford it.

Implementing a magazine ban on magazines that hold over 10 rounds of ammunition, especially one backdated, makes many firearms and magazines bought legally suddenly illegal. Coinciding with this, otherwise law abiding owners of these would now become criminals if brought outside their home. If they do not own the property where they reside, it would be illegal for them to possess. Many firearms have no option to use a magazine that would be legal as the language in the bill is written. Most, as in almost every single one of these affected weapons, currently in the state of Oregon, are owned and used by law abiding citizens, sportsmen, and hunters. These people are not committing acts of gun violence.

In closing, everything in this Bill, and the others like it, will only negatively affect law abiding citizens. Criminals do not follow laws. Criminals do not get background checks. Criminals do not take safe firearm handling courses. Criminals steal firearms, or buy them from those who steal them. This legislation would do nothing to stop a single act of gun violence. It will cost the tax payers millions. It would, if implemented, violate law abiding citizens second amendment constitutional rights.

I believe if this much effort, and the millions of dollars spent so far, and the millions of dollars spent going forward on limiting law abiding citizens second amendment rights, was spent addressing the mental health, homelessness, and drug crises Oregon is experiencing, all Oregonians would be far better off.

Thank you for your time  
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