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Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary
Measure: SB348

Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

I am writing you today in firm opposition of SB 348! This Senate bill is almost a mirror image of Measure 114, which is being challenged in State and Federal court because of its unconstitutional nature. The Oregon legislature is being influenced by outside groups like LEVO and MDA to circumvent the judicial process. What is really important to realize is that fear and emotions DO NOT outweigh constitutionally protected rights. Our rights don't come from the government and our Constitution is a document that is meant to restrain the overreach from our government. Every Oregonian should be outraged that the Oregon Senate is being used by special interest groups in a lawless manner to circumvent the system.

The Bruen decision that came out last June from the Supreme Court set a new standing on how our 2A rights are supposed to be viewed. Measure 114 and SB 348 are in direct violation of this ruling. This will be challenged in court and this will be overturned. SB 348 also raises the cost of the PTP from \$65 to \$150!! This negatively impacts people of color that live in urban environments and also single parent households. There is no equity and on at face value SB 348 is both racist and sexist because it affects women plus people of color at a higher rate than it would affect a white male. We are not subjects and we are not ruled by the Oregon legislature. It is past time that you start listening to the voters in your districts, not just the ones that pay you and help you retain your power. Absolute power, corrupts absolutely and this is exactly what this overreach is.

Measure 114 never should have been on the ballot and the Secretary of State, Shemia Fagan was in dereliction of her duties and should be recalled. Attorney General Ellen Rosenbaum is supposed to remain apolitical but she has abused her position to wage war on law abiding citizens. All while radical DA's under her control have not fully prosecuted criminals and lead us to this position of complete lawlessness. The Oregon legislature is now following suit. You all should be ashamed of yourselves. Oregon gun owners are not your enemy. We are your neighbors, we are your coworkers, and most importantly we are tax payers. We are awake, we are paying attention, and we WILL pushback on this unconstitutional law. See you in court!