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

Dear Judiciary Committee:

I vehemently oppose SB 348 including both of its amendments.

I will state categorically that you again are abusing the “emergency” clause once again. Everything is an emergency to you.

This is an outright attempt to circumvent Measure 114 which, as you know, is currently in the court system. Measure 114 It is unconstitutional from both a federal and state perspective and this bill is not only unconstitutional but discriminatory.

The intentions of those who debated, wrote and passed the Second Amendment are clear: The purpose of the amendment is to protect individual liberty by, in part, stopping the federal government from instituting gun restrictions of any kind, because America’s founders wanted to ensure citizens had the ability to defend themselves against a tyrannical national government and other domestic threats, as well as from foreign invaders.

As you know the Supreme Court made a ruling in 2022 commonly known as the Bruen decision. The Bruen decision clearly states: “Government must demonstrate that the regulation is consistent with the Nation’s historical tradition of firearm regulation.”

You would not be able to demonstrate that this law is consistent with the Nation’s historical tradition of firearm regulation.

In addition to the federal Constitutional provision, Article 1, Section 27 of the Oregon Constitution says - “The people shall have the right to bear arms for the defence (sic) of themselves, and the state, but the military shall be kept in strict subordination to the civil power.”

It doesn’t use the word EXCEPT and that is what you are attempting to do, make exceptions to both the state and federal constitutions. You want to control how we conduct our lives.

What every one of these gun control (there is that word again) laws do is make it easier for the criminal to perpetrate whatever crime they choose to commit. The criminals will become bolder in the face of no opposition. But that is what you want,

isn't it?

You are again attempting to make instant felons out of people in your state that have never committed any crimes and have legally owned and carried firearms for years. Why do you have such contempt for over half of the people who live in Oregon?

As I have said before and will continue to say, enforce the criminal statutes on the books and you will make a dent in your so-called gun violence. Stop trying to make criminals out of law abiding, tax paying citizens.

Our rights are not given to us by government but by God and you do not have the right or authority to take those rights from us as they were not given to us by you. You keep throwing anti-gun bills at us, we will keep fighting them. Trust me on that. You will not win in the end.