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On Behalf Of:  
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As a law abiding citizen, gun owner, firearms safety instructor, and 2A advocate, I urge you to oppose SB 348.

There is nothing in this bill that will guarantee a reduction in gun violence or unlawful firearm possession in our state.

What it will guarantee is infringement of our ability to arm and defend ourselves, violate our privacy, create a "class system" where only privileged people can own firearms, put those of us to do so on a government list (that we cannot control), that can be used against us without due to process.

See, we already passed laws requiring a federal background check, and raised the age to purchase the most common firearms used in crimes to 21. We can already prohibit the mentally ill, and convicted criminals from purchasing firearms. Yet crime is on the rise.

It simply does not work that way.

Instead of wasting valuable resources, and making it harder for law abiding citizens, why don't we try another approach:

Reinstate firearms safety education in schools.

Allow more people who follow the current laws access to state sponsored, but not mandated training. Revise the ORS to protect those who use firearms in self defense from prosecution per WI v. Rittenhouse. Allow CCW/CHL reciprocity and/or constitutional carry to Oregon (again, we already have to pass a federal background check).

Finally, unburden the OSP from processing and keeping those background checks, and focus on reporting conviction, medical, and protective order restrictions to the ATF/NICS system.

I'm willing to bet the correlation between gun ownership and reduction in violent crime observed in other states will also be true for Oregonians if given the due constitutional support and freedom we are owed.

In closing, I would respectfully ask our senators to consider abstaining from proposing any new gun control measures, as doing so is plainly a violation of the

second amendment.

Thank you for honoring your oath, and remember: YOU SERVE OREGON!

Sincerely, in freedom.

Fred Williams