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On Behalf Of:
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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.

Our US constitution recognized our God given right to keep and bear arms. These rights were included as the 2nd Amendment in our Bill of Rights by our founding fathers who knew that "We the People" would never be subjugated by a tyrannical government as long as we could defend ourselves with firearms. The 2nd Amendment says that "our right to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed" which is actually what SB 348 and Measure 114 intend to do thereby making it unconstitutional.

With this bill the Democrat party once again is moving to suppress the ability of the American citizen to defend themselves and their families from a criminal attack, a foreign invasion or a tyrannical government. The Democrat party has no problem shipping all the latest military armament to the Ukrainian people in their fight against Russian aggression but doesn't believe that our citizens need any firearms for their protection. If we had lost the battle of Midway in World War II, the Japanese military would have been landing on our West Coast. Eleanor Roosevelt even told her sister to move to Chicago in the belief such a landing was eminent.

With the ownership of a firearm, many women and minorities can prevent or detour criminal acts and can find peace knowing that they will not be the next victim of violent crime. In the City of Portland, a failing, corrupt court system routinely releases violent felons and fails to enforce laws that used to keep the streets relatively safe. Now, there is a pandemic of crime with local law enforcement unable to protect the most vulnerable who must now rely on their own devices for their protection. People recognize that when someone is trying to break in your door, the police will not be there in time. In that situation, most people would select a firearm with the largest capacity magazine available (after removing their "trigger lock" of course).

Yet rather than focus on reducing criminal activity, the Democrat party is focusing on reducing the ability of honest, law abiding citizens to defend themselves. All the gun control laws that they passed have never impacted the ability of criminals to commit crimes. Everyone knows criminals by definition do not obey gun control laws. Look at the City of Chicago which has some of the strongest gun control laws in the nation,

yet has one of the highest murder rates in the country. This fact gets very little media attention for some reason. Gun control laws do not work and only embolden criminal activity.

Measure 114 never should have been on the ballot. The Oregon legislature is using SB 348 to enact an enhanced Measure 114. 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 taxpayers. We are awake, we are paying attention, and we will push back on this unconstitutional law.

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