

Oregon Legislators,

In regards to Measures SB 348 and MZ 114, I find them highly unconstitutional. Not only do they violate the United States Constitution, they violate Oregon's State Constitution. The right to bear arms to protect oneself, their families, and anyone that needs it, whether it be from an ill intended individual, defending against predators, or even just a deterrent for these purposes should not be hindered. The right of an individual to hunt for food should not be restrictive. These measures hinder the purchases of firearms to the extent that it prohibits an individual from purchasing firearms as they feel the need to do so by adding time restraints, age limitations, and firearm function restrictions as far as capacity. These rights are protected by our State and US Constitutions. Altering, construing, and ignoring the Constitution to pacify a political party and certain demographic groups, can not be allowed! This opens the door to many other opportunities for measures to deconstruct our rights and manipulate our Constitutions.

These measures are also ineffective against gun violence. History teaches us that more restrictions placed on our rights creates a black-market situation. If an individual has ill intent, they will find ways to obtain a weapon, therefore putting the public at risk. People have the RIGHT to defend themselves. Common sense tells us that if there are legitimate and substantial consequences for criminal actions, then there will be a greater deterrent to those actions. History and demographics also teach that point.

Finally, I find these measures to be discriminating. It is our God given right to bear arms for all of the reasons above. The restrictions in these measures goes against this right.

Thank you for your consideration,

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