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On Behalf Of: Myself and my family
Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary
Measure: SB348

Dear Committee Members,

Please understand that as a hunter and gun owner I fully support reasonable and effective laws that will prevent crime and violence. This Bill unfortunately does not do either, we the people of Oregon desperately need you the elected representatives to focus your time and effort on items that will help stem the surge of crime we are all experiencing.

As you are hopefully well aware, there is already background checks and long waits at this time in order to purchase a firearm. Any person who does this is already submitting to fingerprints and background checks. As you also know, criminals do not walk into a gun store and purchase a firearm legally. They procure them from many different sources in illegal ways, this bill you are reviewing does not prevent firearms from being used by criminals. It only makes it harder, more costly and time consuming for those that follow the law.

Many of the items added to this bill are post dated potentially making anyone who did purchase legally criminals by listing March 2022 as the effective date!! Please take a moment to reflect on what is really the problem, Oregon's soft stance on crime and punishment. Laws have tied the hands of our law enforcement to where they are unable to hold criminals accountable for their actions. These are things you need to fix, this bill will do nothing to prevent or reduce crimes that are firearms related, we all know that. It is time we move past the political posturing of passing bills and laws that only effect law abiding citizens and focus on things that will actually make a difference.

I hope you will refocus your energy and understand that and other bills like it will only end up costing the tax payers more money as they are challenged in court and like all other states that attempted similar laws have found out they will be ruled unconstitutional by the supreme court, hence having done nothing to solve the problem but cost the tax payers of Oregon millions in legal fees in order for a few to politically posture and make it look like a problem was addressed knowing full well it was not.

Thank you,