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Measure: SB348

I am writing into this assembly to voice my opposition to SB 348. This Senate Bill is a response to the poorly researched and carelessly written Measure 114. There is no statistically significant data to show that passing these new rules would be a benefit to any of the issues stated by the drafters. These claims to help reduce gun violence are not based on any empirical data, period.

SB 348 would make criminals instantly of any Oregon Citizens who purchased magazines with more than a 10-round capacity after Dec 8, 2022.

SB 348 raised the cost to apply for a "permit to purchase" which negatively affects those in lower socio-economic classes. Also, what other constitutionally protected right must I pay for the ability to receive? What about the 8th Amendment, should citizens have to pay for the right not to be subjected to excessive fines nor cruel and unusual punishments? The extortion of more money out of Oregon citizens for a protected right is extremely grotesque.

SB 348 raises the age to purchase a firearm from 18 to 21. Citizens are considered adults at the age of 18 and thus are entitled to the rights guaranteed in the Constitution at such time.

We are citizens and not subjects. This is an authoritarian attempt to implement rules and laws that have not been voted on by the citizenry and have also been struck down in the Oregon courts. Government officials trying to force these policies should be removed immediately from their positions.