

Submitter: Mary Starrett
On Behalf Of: Yamhill County Commissioner
Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary
Measure: SB348

Good afternoon,

I write to strongly oppose SB 348, both as a County Commissioner representing constituents concerned about the erosion of their Second Amendment rights and as a member of the Oregon Firearms Safety Coalition, which is a non-partisan statewide organization focused on prevention of firearm injuries and deaths. In both those capacities I have seen that responsible firearm ownership is supported across a wide political and social spectrum.

Law-abiding constituents have been applying for concealed handgun licenses as an unprecedented rate in our County, statewide and across the country; our Sheriff can concur that these citizens are not the ones who commit crimes.

This Bill seeks to punish the ones who take time to follow all the laws, pay the fees and adhere to all the requirements necessary to obtain a permit to carry, yet they are continually targeted by laws such as SB 348.

I ask you to respect the rights of the law-abiding citizens who are once again facing the loss of their Constitutional rights through this Bill which will do nothing to address violent crimes.

Please join with the law-abiding citizens from across the political spectrum who oppose Measure 114 and oppose this Bill as well.

Respectfully,
Mary Starrett
Yamhill County Commissioner