March 27, 2023

Senate Committee on Judiciary

Testimony regarding SB 348

Dear Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher, and Committee Members,

We believe that SB 348 needs to be looked at very carefully to be sure there is nothing in SB 348 that would weaken Measure 114 passed by Oregon voters in our most recent election.

If SB 348 is tailored to clarify provisions and assist with implementation of Measure 114, then we urge you to support SB 348.

If anything in SB 348 serves to weaken Measure 114, then we urge you to oppose the bill, or change the bill so that it would not weaken the provisions found in Measure 114.

Thank you for your efforts to lead Oregon to enacting Measure 114.

Every single day in America there is carnage due to gun usage; on the streets, in schools, in homes, in offices, in employment facilities, in churches, in places of public gatherings of all types. Every day we hear of new outbursts of gunfire, maining and killing innocent lives.

Oregon is not immune to such violence and destruction.

Measure 114 was passed by Oregon voters for the purpose of reducing the carnage from guns. Please do nothing to weaken its provisions.

Thank you for your public service,

Sincerely, Joan and Jim Stembridge Salem, Oregon