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On Behalf Of:
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I oppose SB 348 as a legal gun owner and law-abiding citizen of the State of Oregon. This bill deeply infringes upon my rights under the US constitution the right to bear arms. This bill will do absolutely nothing to reduce gun violence in our Country, State and/or local communities. This bill will limit the people of Oregon the right to protect themselves and their families. There are many citizens particularly in remote and rural communities in typically lower and poor income households who want to purchase guns for protection, sport, and hunting that will be unable to afford the unconstitutional fees being forced upon them. Let alone the cost of training in addition to license fees. This bill affects minorities and people of color as they typically live in low-income areas. This bill will put a huge hardship on single women with children to protect themselves from an abusive spouse or significant other and will have to wait and apply for a license to purchase, take training classes, and wait some more before she has the ability protect herself and her family. By then it could be too late. Statistics show gun free zones do not work. Please strictly enforce our current laws and hold those who break the law strongly accountable through severe penalty. Our state already does background checks, has cooling off periods before purchase, and permits conceal carry licenses for law abiding citizens. Again, please strongly enforce the current laws already in place! Focus your efforts on mental health, getting illegal guns off the streets, and promoting acceptable righteous and moral standards manifest in a free, safe, and loving society for all.