

The desire to prevent weapons from getting in the hands of those who use them incorrectly is honorable, but the method being used to do so is clearly not working, and SB 348 is no exception. Even through measure 114 was passed, by the people of a handful of cities, it is clearly not what the people in the majority of the State of Oregon want. It was very clear, by the fact that it can not even get enough traction to go into law, that the measure is flawed. The last thing we need to do is to rush to replace it with another flawed bill. And this business of passing bills that affect the constituents of a state without letting them vote on it, is not only not what our founding fathers would want, it is simply not logical. Stop.

Creating a “permit to purchase” so one can purchase a firearm is not what the second amendment says, so leave it alone. Just stop.

To say that magazines can not hold more than 10 rounds is rather silly since most semi-automatic pistols come with magazines that hold 12 to 19 rounds, or more. This is not some extraordinary thing, this is standard. Do not ban these magazines. A bad person will ignore any provision that is attempted to be put in place because they simply do not care. If they are intent on killing others, they will not care about these restrictions. But those who obey the law, will be highly inconvenienced by them and will have to pay the added expense. Do not ban certain magazines just because of how many rounds they hold.

The age to purchase does not need to be raised. Those who have been educated on the skill of using a firearm are fully able to do so at 18 years of age. Do not raise the age to purchase.

As far as the “Charleston Loophole”, I must say something here. That was built into the ability to purchase because a tyrannical government could not approve a background check for an unlimited time, preventing a person from being able to purchase a firearm, just because they felt like it. One that should not purchase a firearm receives a denied background check. This built in check protects the consumer from a government just dragging its feet. Leave this check and balance in place.

Summary: I oppose SB 348 and I am asking those in leadership of the State of Oregon to oppose it as well.