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### I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB 348

The people have a constitutional right to arm and protect themselves. There are already laws on the books about buying guns, misusing guns, and how to store them safely. I didn't really understand what the big deal was about owning a gun until there were some riots at the Salem Capitol which are fairly near where I live. These activists were out of control and my husband wasn't home. The police actually had to use mace for the first time in a very long time. Then I got word that they were looking for some of the activists in my neighborhood. I realized how vulnerable I was with my bedridden mother at our house.

The streets are becoming more of a danger, yet your response seems to be to tighten the grip on the law abiding, sane citizens instead of holding criminals accountable. Let the police do their job. Make committing a crime hurt. Repeal measure 110 that encourages drug addiction by it's permissiveness. Get mental health therapy for those who need it that doesn't include having to change your sex. Instead of teaching children to view life through the lens of equity (not equality) skin color and sexual identity, start talking about character again and how to help one another. Work to connect every child in the community to a network that will help them contribute meaningfully to society. That will clear up most of the mental health problems and make our communities safer.

We all wish we could blame the TOOL of destruction for the loss of lives. However, we still drive cars. Driven properly cars are very useful. In the wrong hands, cars can kill a lot of people and do a lot of damage. We still have drugs. We still use ropes. If not guns, cars, drugs, ropes as a tool, it will be something else. Because, there are some PEOPLE that are determined to do damage. It isn't the tool, it is the person controlling the tool that wrecks havoc. It doesn't make sense to try and get rid of the weapon. You will be putting out fires forever and never win the war.