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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary
Measure: SB348

I very strongly OPPOSE SB 348.

This bill is attempting to circumvent the legal challenges to Measure 114. You are trying to pass a state law that also attempts to circumvent Constitution of the United States and the Oregon Constitution. It is illogical in its statements, will be found unconstitutional when it reaches the Supreme Court, and is an affront to the citizens of Oregon.

The first priority of state and federal government is to protect its citizens. You are failing in this. It is obvious from this bill that you intend to disarm the people of Oregon, while not

enforcing existing laws against criminals. Laws are supposed to be enforced equally. Police funding has decreased while criminal activity continues to increase, and this bill denies the rights of licensed gun holders to defend themselves or those around them. This is wrong, and completely unconstitutional.

Criminals do not follow the law. This bill would make law-abiding citizens who have purchased guns, magazines and ammunition legally, overnight criminals by making these items illegal on passage of SB 348, even though these items were legal when purchased. This too is wrong.

Our young people can vote and join the military at age 18 and bear arms to defend the people of this state and nation and possibly die in protecting us. SB 348 would deny the right of other young people of the same age the right to defend themselves, or participate in sport shooting or hunting. And you think that young people of this same age are not capable of learning to responsibly train and carry a firearm in order to protect themselves? And yet you think 16-year-olds have the maturity to vote? This is totally illogical and wrong.

If you were to look at research, you would find that the areas of this country that have the most crime are also the areas that have the strictest gun control laws.

There are scores, if not hundreds of testimonies submitted against this bill and one testimony in support of it. You cannot disregard the laws and the views of the people of this state because of money donated to your election coffers or your personal views.

Do the right thing - OPPOSE this bill and Vote NO on SB 348.

Respectfully,
Rachelle Timm