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Subject: SB348 and -1 Amendment Testimony.

I am here to testify against the -1 amendment. As its provisions, under any logical evaluation, will impact only law-abiding citizens and will have NO impact on criminal activity or reduction in violence.

I would be remiss if I did not point out that Oregon's lawful firearms owners were excluded from the processes in creating this legislation.

But first, would like to start on points we Agree

Responsible firearms owners deplore the horrific events that hurt our communities. Especially when firearms are misused. I'm here to drive effective and real solutions.

The original SB348, although clearly intended to be a placeholder, actually is constructive. Understanding the sources (and drivers) of why criminals are driven to their actions would lead to key learnings and THEN real problem solving. This focuses attention on the criminals – not law-abiding citizens.

It is well reported, documented, and agreed that gun violence stems from criminals and would be criminals using Stolen Guns, Straw purchases, and Black market (street corner) sales. Not lawful purchases.

Responsible firearms owners originated, support and drive programs combating these illegal avenues for obtaining firearms.

Responsible firearms owners support background checks. In fact, it is these organizations that designed and advocated for INSTANT background check systems.

We all can agree that all too often, perpetrators of these events are known by authorities due to past events requiring either intervention, detention, or arrest. (ref. Portland study) ( ref. the '6 of 9' often cited)

OSSA supports our existing background check system, wishes OSP could further improve the system to support Oregon citizens. AND believe there is a missed opportunity to include juvenile records to better evaluate buyers.

OSSA supports ERPO laws, WITH DUE PROCESS. This applies to older as well as younger buyers. When a public safety officer is engaged for a public safety event (serious event at school, disturbance on the street, ) The closure of the event needs to assess if ERPO should be initiated. If warranted, A JUDGE can decide to approve and ERPO. This is then available for the INSTANT check system to use at its disposition. Let's just use the system.

On the -1 Amendment:

The -1 Amendment should not be approved as it only impacts law abiding citizens. From the above it is clear that criminals and those with criminal intent do not follow the law, especially when it comes to firearms.

The -1 Amendment ignores both the US and Oregon Constitutions and case law.

The -1 Amendment delay period puts Oregon citizens at risk. What does 63 days mean to a single mother fearing from an abusive ex-partner?

The -1 Amendment establishes fees processes to exercise constitutional rights and will disproportionately impact segments of our population.

The -1 amendment restricts our law abiding adults 18-20 when it's clear those with criminal intent will not abide by the law anyway.

If we want to do real problem solving, lets, together, use the original SB348 to learn the sources, causes and drivers that bring our people commit these criminal acts and put measures in place to combat them.

**Let's not burden responsible lawful Oregon citizens with infringements that will not be followed by criminals.**