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On Behalf Of:
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Measure: SB348

Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

Ballot Measure 114 was passed by Oregon voters in November 2022. In the United State Supreme Court case of NYSRPA versus Bruen, the court decided the right of citizens to bear arms to protect themselves is not limited to a person's residence. This established a new standard that legislation must meet to comply with the second amendment rights of all United States citizens. Measure 114 and Senate Bill 348 apparently violate that ruling of the Supreme Court. Law abiding citizens do not commit crimes using guns. Criminals use guns to break in and steal property belonging to others. Unstable people, who feel emotionally hurt by someone, frequently obtain firearms and commit mass murder to get revenge.

Some political leaders have made the mistake of not allowing law abiding citizens with legitimate training in the use of firearms to carry them on their person for their own protection and protection of others in their immediate vicinity. It is at "soft targets" where large numbers of unprotected people are gathered that the majority of mass atrocities have occurred; such as public schools, churches, etc. Mothers of children that attend public schools are justifiably very angry about the lack of physical safety for their children.

I am writing in opposition to bill SB 348. According to unofficial Staff Measure Summary, Senate bill 348 replaces Measure 114 and directs the Department of Justice to study ways to address unlawful possession of firearms. The applicant must be at least 21 years of age, pass a background check and complete a training course. That means a law abiding youth less than 21 years old cannot complete a training course and go hunting with their law abiding parent(s).

Senate bill 348 increases costs and imposes more restrictions than Measure 114. Cost will increase for the applicant, the State government, and the State Police. The fee for a permit will increase to \$150 and a renewal to \$110. The permit agent can deny the applicant if the agent has reason, based on objective facts that establish a pattern of behavior involving unlawful violence or threats of unlawful violence, showing the applicant has been or is reasonably likely to be a danger to self or others.

Denial should be limited to only those who have committed crimes of documented physical violence to self or others, and those who have expressed intent to do so.

The Department of State Police has to file an annual report for each county. Racial

and gender information will be documented for each applicant within the total number of permits granted, denied, and the reason for denial. Information personally identifying an applicant will not be included.

This is both racist and sexist. No document says what our political leaders will do with the information which demonstrates a lack of transparency. An emergency will be declared. This will open the door for the Governor to potentially deny law abiding citizens their full rights of gun ownership.

Unrestrained shoplifting theft and crime has caused major companies like Nike, Walmart and Cracker Barrel, to close stores in Portland and other cities in Oregon. This has increased the cost of shopping for low and average income law abiding consumers. Instead of studying ways to address unlawful possession of firearms, taxpayer dollars should be used by law enforcement in cooperation with law abiding citizens with legitimate training in the use of firearms, businesses, schools, churches, etc. to prevent unlawful use of firearms by known criminals and unstable people and prevent shoplifting crime at the store site.