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

As a law abiding Oregon resident, I ask you to please oppose Senate Bill 348.

It makes the exercise of a constitutional right (both US Constitution and Oregon Constitution) conditional upon applying for government permission and paying fees to the government. This makes the bill inherently unconstitutional.

I would like to propose some alternative solutions for the Oregon government to consider instead of further eroding the rights of their citizens. I know these are not a quick fix and most would need to be implemented for things to change, but I hope you give them some thought. My goal is to address the root of the problem instead of creating more laws that criminals will ignore.

- 1) Bring back mandatory hunter's safety and firearm education classes to public schools (I had to pass such classes to move from 7th to 8th grade). Teach kids the responsibility and potential consequences that come with owning and handling a firearm. Teach them to hunt legally so that when times are tough they can provide food for their families instead of looting/stealing or selling drugs.
- 2) Enforce a minimum punishment for felons in possession of a firearm.
- 3) Enforce a minimum punishment for crimes committed with a firearm.
- 4) Create a robust prison reform system and use it. Do not allow gang culture to run the prison system.
- 5) Revert the measure (110) that decriminalized hard drugs. Arrest those in possession and provide them help to get and stay clean. Do not put them in prison with people who committed more serious crimes where they can learn about criminal opportunities to fund their drug habits.

I hope you will consider these alternative ideas to reduce gun violence instead of taking away rights from citizens that do not engage in criminal activities.

Sincerely,
Carley Sinz