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I am writing you today in strident opposition of Senate Bill 348!

This Senate bill is almost a mirror image of Measure 114, which is being challenged in State and Federal court because of its unconstitutional nature. What is really important to realize is that fear and emotions DO NOT outweigh constitutionally protected rights. Our rights don't come from the government and our Constitution is a document that is meant to restrain the overreach from our government. Every Oregonian should be outraged that their Oregon Senate is being used by special interest groups in a lawless manner to circumvent the system. The Bruen decision that came out last June from the Supreme Court set a new standing on how our 2A rights are supposed to be viewed. Measure 114 and SB 348 are in direct violation of this ruling. This will be challenged in court, and taxpayer money should not be used to defend an unconstitutional measure. There is no equity here and at face value SB 348 is both racist/sexist because it effects women and people of color at a higher rate. Stop treating us like subjects, we are not ruled by the Oregon legislature. It is past time that you start listening to the voters in your districts, not just the ones that pay you and help you retain your power.

Requiring permits for a constitutional right is insanity. Do we have to have permits to talk freely? Do we require a permit to get an abortion? Do we have to have a permit to breathe clean air or drink clean water? There are so many things constitutionally wrong with Measure 114 and the same applies to SB 348.

Senate Bill 348 is a disingenuous attempt to usurp the authority of Oregon courts.

Measure 114 never should have been on the ballot and the Secretary of State, Shemia Fagan was in dereliction of her duties and should be recalled. Attorney General Ellen Rosenbaum is supposed to remain apolitical but she has abused her position to wage war on law abiding citizens. The Oregon legislature is now following suit. You all should be ashamed of yourselves. Oregon gun owners are not your enemy. We are your neighbors, we are your coworkers, and most importantly we are taxpayers and voters.