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On Behalf Of:
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Measure: SB348

I strongly oppose SB 348-1.

Just like Measure 114, this bill is confusing. Many of its supporters say more needs to be done, but they are not clear as to what that means or how much more they want to include. As Ms. Keller mistakenly admitted in her testimony during the informational hearing, Measure 114 was sold to voters through various means of advertising. From what I can see, the idea sold to many young voters was that utopia will happen if the government restricts the rights of citizens and that criminals will magically give up using guns to commit their crimes. The truth is, that's not the way it works. We already have many laws in place, and when enforced, are effective in reducing crime. For example, background checks. I have personally seen the background check system we have in place work. Last fall, I visited a local gun store and decided to make a purchase. I provided the information needed for a background check and passed. I then completed my purchase. A couple next to me at the counter had gone through the same process, however, because a person in their household was one of thousands stuck in the backlog, they were not able to complete their purchase. The system worked.

I urge you to NOT move this bill out of committee.