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Committee:	Senate Committee On Judiciary
Measure:	SB348

Dear Chair and members of the committee - I urge your support of SB 348. It is unfathomable that we continue to aid and abet people with evil intentions, anger, immaturity or mental illness by making guns so available. There is no reason that an 18 year old should be able to walk into any gun shop and purchase an assault weapon. There really is no reason for anyone to own an assault weapon. I grew up hunting with my Dad, and my husband goes deer and elk hunting. I have no problem with having hunting rifles. But many of the weapons being purchased are just for killing people - primarily innocent people. Trying to focus on guns as "protection" and keeping guns away from "dangerous people", has not worked. How do we know someone is a nutcase who is going to shoot up a school until after they do it? It's too late then to deny them a murderous weapon. Focusing on mental health issues is not working. And many more innocent people are killed intentionally than those killed by someone "protecting" themselves, in self defense.

SB 348 is just a start, but it is a good start. Please support it.

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