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On Behalf Of:
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Measure: SB348

I worked for over a year with Lift Every Voice Oregon to get Ballot Measure 114 before the voters, so they could vote to reduce gun violence or not. It passed!! After much hard work of thousands of volunteers, with shared goals and visions of a safer state to live in, rear children, educate them together in schools, have work places that were SAFE from gun violence. Also in the hope that places we relax in outdoors, sports events, entertainment venues anything you can think of would have less chance of gun violence. No place feels totally safe anymore. How about churches?...With Measure 114 we did something they said couldn't be done by volunteers. Yet we were committed to reducing gun violence and being a role model for other states to follow. If SB 348-1 is moved forward through all the committees and steps, I stand firm with everyone who voted for Measure 114 and the thousands lined up wanting this common sense measure to be adopted in full...not weakened. We want to decrease the epidemic of gun violence, which creates health and moral issues that the majority of Oregonians can agree on---we want to have ways to decrease the senseless killing of innocent people. Now most of our preventable deaths are suicides by guns which offer troubled people little choice of better outcomes or second chances. Please give this bill the strengths/eliminating the Charleston loop hole, etc. Measure 114 could have initiated or make it even stronger if possible. Thank-you, Teddie Hight