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Hello, my name is redacted and I am a resident of Salem Oregon. I am writing to you today to strongly oppose SB348. Unfortunately I had just recently heard about this because it seems our lawmakers are trying to sneak legislation and hide it from the people they are representing. Unfortunately I do not have the time on my hands to articulate my points, as I work full-time, but I know that this is a way to force measure 114 through into law even though you know full well that it is still being reviewed through our legal system to see if it violates the constitution. As I have previously written legislators regarding 114 I believe full well that it is not constitutional and it deprives private citizens of their RIGHT to defend themselves.

I am a licensed concealed carrier and 114/ HB 348 will strongly impact me as I carry not only to preserve my life but those around me including my family and the public. HB 348 seeks to limit the magazine capacity to 10 rounds. The firearm of my choice carries 17 rounds of ammunition at standard capacity. I have had previous encounters with law-enforcement and had positive interactions with them when discussing me caring I believe with SB 348 I will be subject to unreasonable searches and seizures of my firearm because of the legislation being proposed.

As much as I respect law-enforcement for the challenging job they hold I DO NOT trust them with my life. As seen in the Uvalde school shooting officers waited to engage the shooter for more than an hour. As I'm writing this the most recent shooting that has occurred was down in Tennessee where three children and three adults were murdered. Fortunately they had a much quicker law-enforcement presence with the shooter being neutralized within 14 minutes. Still when seconds count minutes is an eternity. I would much rather be able to have my firearm accessible so I may take any means necessary to preserve the life of my self my family and the public.

As part of SB 348 it requires training from a reputable source yet that reputable source seems to be the state police yet they do not have the means to support such a workload. Not only that but I believe requiring training and additional fees just further strips American citizens of their right to keep and bear arms because this turns a right into a privilege and only the privileged will have the means to take time from work and participate in a class to get licensed to purchase a firearm. Since the state police are the reputable source to be trained from my knowledge in the firearm community here in Oregon there are private classes that teach fundamentals in pistols and cabins and I do not see our legal representatives accepting that training as satisfactory to obtain a purchase permit. These classes are not cheap as well as they run from ranges of \$350-\$600. As a responsible gun owner the very first class I took after obtaining my concealed carry was a basic trauma med class. The reasoning behind this is because anyone can pull the trigger. I have been shooting

for more than five years and my proficiency with a firearm, although self-taught with consolation through law-enforcement friends and hunting family members, is advanced. So if I were in a situation where I had to make a decision and make someone not a threat by whatever means necessary that I have the training and knowledge to render aid to either them or their victims. Not only do I have that training but I carry a small medical kit on my person at all times.

Unfortunately I'm limited on how much I can type. So I'll finish on this thought. I know it may seem like a fantasy for an armed citizen to intervene in such situations. But just last year mall in Indiana was attacked by a mass shooter who was fortunately engaged by an armed citizen named Elijah Dicking. Instead of punishing responsible gun owners perhaps we should encourage them to seek a more responsible way of handling their firearms and encouraging them to elevate their standards.