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On Behalf Of:
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I am writing to urge all members of the Oregon senate to oppose this bill. I will begin by stating that I am a registered democrat and unfortunately expect the democratic members of the senate to ignore any testimony against this bill and vote for it regardless. None of the provisions contained in the bill are a meaningful move towards common sense gun control. Instead it is a collection of at best ineffective measures and at worst unconstitutional and harmful provisions. Magazine capacity limits are a useless and performative limitation that will not reduce gun crime or deaths by suicide. Establishing a fee to exercise a constitutional right has been repeatedly struck down in higher courts. Additionally, mandating that citizens will need permission from police to exercise their rights is incredibly naive at best and malicious at worst, allowing officers to discriminate against people of color, the lgbtq community, or anyone that they don't like. Additionally adding carve outs to the law to establish law enforcement officers as a separate higher class of citizen that can ignore these rules is insulting, absurd, and frankly tone deaf. I and many others find it unacceptable to legally establish law enforcement officers as a class above normal citizens who do not have to follow these laws themselves and are also allowed to decide if lower class citizens as established by this bill will be able to exercise their rights at all. By passing this bill all that will be accomplished is starting an expensive and drawn out legal fight. Please do not waste tax payer money, please do not establish a legal higher class in our state, please do not codify a system for allowing discrimination against our most vulnerable communities. This is not how you protect Oregonians.