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My name is Jocelyn and I live in zip code 97229 and was born and raised here in Oregon. I am also a Mom of 2 little kids who is sick and tired of hearing about school shooting after school shooting. I remember sitting in my biology class as a teenager when the news of the Thurston High School shooting started to spread. Terrified, I thought to myself, "someone is going to do something to stop this." Well...I'm now 40 years old and this is still a regular occurrence here in America. It's disgusting and repulsive that no one has taken any real steps to make this better.

Except...in the last election cycle...Oregon did do something. Something big. Something amazing. Something that many people thought we couldn't do: we democratically passed Measure 114. The joy we felt that night was so real. Finally, FINALLY there might be some real change. And yet, here we sit, months after this law was scheduled to get implemented, and nothing has happened. It is tied up in courts because a federal judge has chosen to put politics over safety. As a voter, I am frustrated.

I am emailing to encourage you to do whatever you can to make implementing measure 114 a priority. We need pressure to be put on Oregon legislators, police depts, the judicial system, etc. to carry out the will of the people. This law is fully constitutional and was fairly elected - it deserves a chance to save lives. Oregonians deserve a chance to see that we CAN be better. We CAN live better. We CAN be safer. Please please please - please do what you can. The lives of innocent children, just trying to learn in school, depend on it.

Any legislation to implement Measure 114, now in the form of SB 348, must fully implement Measure 114 as Oregon Voters supported and passed it. Please clarify provisions and smooth implementation, but don't weaken Measure 114 in any way. I am NEUTRAL on SB 348-1. I greatly appreciate the work done by the Oregon Judiciary Committee to date, but I do not want you to weaken Measure 114. As we sit here today, with yet ANOTHER school shooting (in Nashville) dominating the news cycle, I cannot help but wonder 'where next?' HOW CAN WE LET THIS CONTINUE??? HOW????