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On Behalf Of:
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I spoke in person on 3/27/2023 to oppose this bill and wanted to reiterate my frustration as a citizen that wants to be part of the solution. It seems like we are being largely ignored and a polarization is taking place. These large swipes at the 2nd amendment become a self fulfilling prophecy, with citizens jumping to conclusions and stock piling arms and ammo. Mistrust in the government is growing, with governments capacity to keep citizens safe waning.

We can work towards reasonable, simple safety measures like offering tax credits on gun safe purchases and normalize teaching gun safety. We can bridge this growing divide and find some commonality.

Remember these rules to stay safe around firearms:

1. Always Keep Firearm Pointed in a Safe direction
2. Treat All Guns as Though They are Loaded
3. Keep Your Finger Off the Trigger until You are Ready to Shoot
4. Always Be Sure of Your Target and What's Beyond It

That's from the National Shooting Sports Foundation website

When I went to another website that touts gun safety, Everytown For Gun Safety I saw nothing in the form of safe firearm handling. All they have on their site is new laws, bans, and prohibitions. It's all take take take with zero effort to teach their supporters about gun safety.

My testimony as follows

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My name is Andy Munson, and I am a fifth generation Oregonian. My dad was a businessman and firearms enthusiast, my mom is an artist and flower farmer.

I find myself very much the byproduct of them, a bit of an eclectic mix like many of us in Oregon.

I applied artistic finishes to firearms, and held a federal firearms license for a decade.

Between target shooting, competitive, shooting and hunting I have put around 100,000 rounds down range.

I understand firearms, I understand safety, and I understand the complexity of compliance.

According to the Oregonian, \$2.2 million was spent by out-of-state billionaires to pass measure 114. That's compared to \$200,000 to oppose it which equates to \$12 to every \$1. Measure 114 passed by the slimmest of margins, with many of my left leaning friends feeling like they were duped.

It's hard to feel like democracy hasn't lost its way when this 64 page gut and stuff amendment is placed in an innocuous 1 page bill to study unlawful possession of firearms.

A recent report covering denied transactions from OSP indicated over 2,300 cases in which people lied on form 4473 and seemingly face zero repercussion.

It's also been reported that numerous felon in possession of a firearms cases have been dropped in Portland due to a public defender shortage.

It's exceedingly frustrating that we see people demand action on gun control, but don't see a demand for enforcement of our current gun control laws.

Let's enforce the laws on the books.

HB3060 would offer tax credits for purchasing gun safes.

We have all the sticks to stop gun violence on the books right now, it's time to try some carrots and normalize gun safety.

Together we can reduce gun violence, reduce suicides, and preserve the 2nd amendment.

Thank you,

Andy Munson