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I write to vehemently oppose Oregon's Ballot Measure 114, a misguided policy that undermines constitutional liberties, burdens the law-abiding, and transforms honest men into criminals.

The measure's permit requirement—mandating training, fingerprinting, and redundant background checks—erects a barrier to exercising a fundamental right. In rural regions, where law enforcement is understaffed and training facilities sparse, this could render self-defense an unattainable privilege. The ban on magazines exceeding ten rounds further cripples lawful citizens, offering no credible deterrent to criminals who flout such restrictions by definition. Most firearms come with standard magazines larger than 10 rounds causing undue financial hardship.

This legislation not only transgresses the Second Amendment and Article I, Section 27 of Oregon's Constitution but also criminalizes possession of standard equipment overnight—a gross overreach. Rather than targeting the law-abiding, we should direct resources toward mental health intervention and enforcement of existing statutes. The proposed permit database compounds the issue, jeopardizing privacy without enhancing safety. More so there is no process in place with my local law enforcement department to even handle permitting appropriately.

I implore you to reject Measure 114 and pursue rational, effective solutions that respect rights and address violence at its source.