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It is clear that decreasing the legality of firearms possession will lead to more people in prison. The United States already has the highest imprisonment rate in the world per capita, at 670 per 100,000 citizens. Do we want to fill our prisons with more people guilty of nonviolent crimes? According to the Sentencing Project, of the United States' 2.2 million prisoners, 46% were not convicted of a violent crime. The majority of the nonviolent prisoners were drug offenders. If the war on guns is continued to be pushed, the war on guns will shadow the path of the war on drugs.

In the face of fascism rising in the White House and across the United States, Oregonians deserve the choice to arm themselves. HB 3075 and Measure 114 make Oregon one of the most restrictive states in the nation for gun ownership. It will make honest people felons.