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It deeply saddens me knowing this state is moving towards pushing this unconstitutional ballot measure through. I love this state and have served in capacities to protect the citizens who live here. I have also taken an oath to uphold the constitution. What is being moved forward is a direct violation of that constitution. Currently, law enforcement is suffering a recruiting crisis. Patrol staff are stretched thin and response times are not what we would hope, especially in rural communities. Limiting people's ability to protect themselves, or others, puts greater risk on the citizenry. This limitation comes in the form of stripping legal gun owners their ability to keep standard capacity magazines as a tool and resource. In doing the most basic research on self defense one would be able to see the need for more than 10 round magazines. This state has decriminalized the use of drugs. Impaired persons not only don't have correct judgement, but pose a risk to every day law abiding citizens. By moving forward with this constitutional infringement, you are limiting the resources available to people who may need to protect themselves from imminent threat of serious physical injury or even death. If someone breaks into my home I will now be limited to 10 rounds in order to stop the threat. In theory, this could be an adequate amount of rounds to stop the threat in perfect conditions. Anyone who has actually been involved in high stress situations like self defense knows you never have perfect conditions. This is just talking about one assailant. Many times criminals work in groups. Therefore, a person trying to protect themselves from multiple attackers is now at the disadvantage. Will the state be compensating the next of kin when the victim is left wishing they had more tools available to them? Is their life not important enough to allow them the proper tools to protect themselves? If 10 round magazines were really the answer, then why would this keep law enforcement exempt from the 10 rounds limitation? This is simply a rule made for the citizenry and not for others. This is also simply putting law abiding citizens at the disadvantage. Drunk driving is illegal, shouldn't that stop all the fatalities resulting by a DUI crash? No. Because laws are not followed by criminals. Criminals can easily access illegal items like standard capacity magazines that allow for more than 10 rounds. Nothing is solved by limiting magazine capacity except limiting law abiding citizens who can stop a threat who is threatening one's life. We have school resource officers stationed at schools so they can act quickly if there is a threat in that area. By having an armed citizenry, you allow for capable people to stop a threat if it shows itself. Limiting that good samaritan is like limiting your first responders. You are only adding to the potential loss of life. Everyone who attempts to pass this measure will have blood on their hands if an incident occurs and the good samaritan is not able to stop the active threat. Again, if you really believed 10 rounds was enough, you would also limit law enforcement to 10 rounds. Additionally, by creating a larger financial burden to

purchasing a firearm, you are telling the financial lower class they are not welcome to protect themselves. This state appears to promote equality, however creates a larger barrier to entry for its people to obtain tools to protect themselves with. The cost to get a permit to purchase could have been spent on training, bettering the individuals ability to perform efficiently in a life or death situation. There is no inclusivity there, only a separation of financial class. You are putting people's lives in danger and the blood will be on their hands of those pushing this unconstitutional restriction through. You all should be ashamed of yourselves. You swore an oath you are now ignoring. You are not looking out for your citizens and you are limiting their safety.