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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding Oregon's Measure 114, which I believe is not only unconstitutional under the Oregon Constitution but also represents a significant infringement on Second Amendment rights nationwide. This measure, which mandates a permit-to-purchase system and bans magazines holding more than 10 rounds, imposes undue burdens on law-abiding citizens' inherent right to bear arms.

Under Article I, Section 27 of the Oregon Constitution, the right to bear arms for self-defense is explicitly protected without qualification, a provision stronger than the U.S. Constitution's Second Amendment due to its lack of conditional language. Measure 114's requirement of a 30-day permit process, including background checks, fingerprinting, and fees, effectively delays this fundamental right, creating a chilling effect that a Harney County judge rightfully deemed unconstitutional. The state has failed to provide compelling evidence that these restrictions enhance public safety, relying instead on speculative claims about reducing gun violence—a rationale that lacks historical or statistical support.

On a national level, Measure 114 violates the Second Amendment, which guarantees the right to keep and bear arms without government permission. The U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen* (2022) emphasized that firearm regulations must align with the nation's historical tradition, a standard Measure 114 fails to meet. There is no historical precedent for requiring permits or limiting magazine capacity in the context of self-defense, and the assertion that large-capacity magazines are not commonly used for self-defense contradicts their widespread ownership and practical utility. This measure transforms a constitutional right into a privilege, subject to bureaucratic oversight, which undermines the very essence of the Second Amendment.

I urge a reevaluation of Measure 114, as its enforcement sets a dangerous precedent that erodes individual liberties not just in Oregon but across the United States. The right to self-defense is non-negotiable, and any law that delays or restricts it without clear justification must be struck down.

Sincerely,
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