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Oregon's Measure 114 is a blatant violation of the 2nd Amendment of the US Constitution. As a mental health clinician, who works primarily with first responders, military/veterans, law enforcement, and those within the firearm community; I strongly oppose this measure. This measure will brand most of my clients as lawbreakers upon implementation. This measure, similarly drafted in other states, has lost upon Supreme Court challenge every time. This measure is not supported by law enforcement, does not provide a structure or funding for the added burden to law enforcement, and the majority of law enforcement has committed to not enforce this unconstitutional measure as they have sworn an oath to defend the Constitution. As a professional who works not only with the public, but also in correctional mental health, I know the value of strong criminal deterrents and effective law enforcement. This measure will vilify those who are most able and willing to protect the lives of their fellow citizens and will embolden those who will not follow the law. Furthermore, this measure will continue to cost Oregonians as the Governor and her staff will continue to spend millions of dollars fighting to install an unconstitutional mandate that is ultimately headed for defeat in either state or federal Supreme Court challenge. This measure creates no solution to the challenges of violence that involves guns. This measure succeeds only in creating a further divide amongst those who train and strive to protect others by carrying firearms lawfully and those who purport to want 'reasonable gun laws' while continually demonizing the former. This measure must, and will, be struck down. Thank you for your time and consideration. May God bless you and may you join us in creating healthy and faithful families and communities.