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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3075

Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing today to voice my strong opposition to Measure 114. While I understand and support efforts to promote public safety, this measure imposes extreme and unnecessary restrictions that infringe upon the rights of law-abiding citizens while doing little to address crime or violence.

Measure 114's permit-to-purchase requirement creates an undue burden on responsible gun owners, particularly those in rural communities who rely on firearms for self-defense, hunting, and livestock protection. It places significant financial and logistical barriers in the way of exercising a constitutional right, effectively making lawful firearm ownership a privilege rather than a right. Additionally, the lack of infrastructure and funding for its implementation will lead to indefinite delays, leaving citizens in legal limbo while criminals—who do not follow permit laws—continue to operate without hindrance.

The magazine capacity restriction is another overreach that ignores the reality of self-defense situations. Many commonly owned firearms come standard with magazines exceeding the arbitrary limit set by this measure. Criminals, by definition, do not abide by magazine restrictions, leaving law-abiding citizens at a disadvantage in a crisis.

Furthermore, law enforcement agencies across the state have expressed concerns that Measure 114 is unenforceable and will divert resources away from real crime prevention efforts. Rather than targeting criminals, it turns responsible gun owners into potential offenders over bureaucratic red tape.

If the goal is to reduce violent crime, we should focus on addressing the root causes—mental health support, enforcement of existing laws, and holding violent offenders accountable. Measure 114 does none of this. Instead, it creates obstacles for responsible citizens while failing to provide any real solutions to crime.

For these reasons, I urge you to reject Measure 114 and pursue policies that protect both public safety and constitutional rights.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Patrick Monninger Jr