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I write to voice my fierce opposition to Measure 114, a law so flawed and misguided it shames Oregon and every freedom-loving American. This isn't just bad policy—it's an assault on the Second Amendment, a power grab by a government stripping citizens of their rights and leaving them defenseless against criminals. Measure 114 is a farce and must be stopped.

Make no mistake: it's unconstitutional. The Second Amendment says, "the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." Yet this law chokes that right with permits, training, and magazine bans. A permit to buy a gun? It's a bureaucratic trap, a Catch-22 for first-time buyers who need a firearm for the safety course but can't buy one without the permit—an absurd obstacle. It creates a registry, a list of gun owners ripe for confiscation. This isn't safety; it's surveillance, a step toward tyranny. The Supreme Court upholds our rights, but Oregon's lawmakers defy it. This must be struck down before it breeds worse abuses.

Its "benefits"? Useless. Criminals won't follow permits or magazine limits—they'll arm via black markets. A single mother in a rough area faces delays that could cost her life. The 10-round magazine limit is arbitrary and ineffective for self-defense, with studies like the 2020 RAND review showing no clear impact on homicides. It's a hollow gesture that punishes the law-abiding while criminals ignore it.

Practically, it's a mess. Ending the three-day background check limit turns a right into a waiting game, leaving people vulnerable for weeks. The cost? An estimated \$51 million in year one, draining taxpayers for a law with no proven benefit. It's fiscal madness.

Worse, it's a step toward disarmament. Grandfathering magazines but banning them in public is nonsense, a test for broader bans. Rural Oregonians reject this elitism, with sheriffs refusing enforcement and courts mired in fights as of March 2025. It empowers criminals, endangers families, and mocks the Constitution.

Measure 114 isn't a fix—it's a symptom of a government drunk on control, blind to reality, and deaf to its people. It dodges real issues—mental illness, gangs, despair—and hammers the innocent. I demand its repeal. Fight this travesty, defend Oregon's soul, and declare: we won't be disarmed. This is about liberty, and we must not let it slip.