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I strongly oppose Measure 114 and HB 3075 because they do nothing to make our communities safer. Instead, they place unnecessary burdens on law-abiding citizens while doing little to stop violent crime. These bills restrict the constitutional right to self-defense and disproportionately affect responsible gun owners, rather than criminals who have no regard for the law.

Criminals do not follow gun regulations—they will continue to acquire firearms and high-capacity magazines through illegal means. No law will prevent those with criminal intent from committing violent acts. Stripping law-abiding citizens of their ability to protect themselves and their families only creates more victims, not safer communities.

We have seen this pattern in states that have enacted strict gun control measures. Cities with some of the toughest gun laws in the country, such as Chicago, New York, and Los Angeles, continue to struggle with high rates of gun violence. These restrictive laws do not stop crime; they simply make it harder for responsible citizens to defend themselves. Meanwhile, criminals face minimal deterrence, as many of them are repeat offenders who are often released back onto the streets due to weak prosecution and soft-on-crime policies.

Currently, every legal firearm purchase already requires a state background check, ensuring that firearms do not fall into the hands of those prohibited from owning them. Instead of targeting law-abiding gun owners, legislators should focus on enforcing existing laws, strengthening penalties for violent offenders, and addressing the root causes of crime, such as gang violence, drug trafficking, and mental health crises.

If the goal is truly to enhance public safety, lawmakers should consider policies that empower responsible citizens to protect themselves and their communities. Measures like constitutional carry, increased self-defense protections, and stricter penalties for those who commit crimes with firearms would do far more to deter violent crime than restrictive gun laws that only disarm those who follow the law.

Public safety is a serious issue, but disarming responsible citizens is not the answer. I urge lawmakers to reconsider these ineffective and unconstitutional measures and instead focus on solutions that hold criminals accountable while preserving the rights of law-abiding Americans.