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I am opposed to Measure 114 and HB 3075.

The ATF along with manufacturing data estimate the number of detachable pistol and rifle magazines in the US between 1990 and 2021 is 1 billion. Of those 1 billion magazines, 74% have a capacity over 11 rounds of ammunition. Which makes them by definition standard magazines NOT high-capacity magazines.

This bill would make law abiding Oregonians who purchased firearms with standard magazines felons for simply possessing the magazines that came with their firearm. In addition, they would have to prove they bought them prior to 2022 and if they were transporting them, they would have to be locked up separately from the firearm. This is ridiculous.

The second amendment is clear: "the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed". Recent rulings from the Supreme Court's Bruen decision further define that any limitations on the right to bear arms must be consistent with the Nation's historical tradition of firearm regulation. No such limit on magazine capacity exists in the second amendment.

In reading submitted testimony, the clear minority who support this bill often site their fear in being in public places and possibly being shot. Irrational fears are not reason enough to override the constitution. I wonder if these same people are afraid or traumatized to get into their car and drive?

In Oregon traffic/transportation related deaths were 606 individuals in 2022. The bulk of those were from auto accidents and the key causes were impairment, speeding and distraction. So, using the same irrational logic used in Measure 114 and HB 3075, we should make alcohol illegal to purchase/consume and place mechanical limiters in vehicles so they cannot travel faster than 65 miles per hour.

Hopefully you are as outraged at my suggestion as I am at HB 3075. These are the times that I feel the legislators in Salem meeting at the Capitol, actually belong in the state hospital. Firearms don't kill people anymore than vehicles kill people. It's people who kill people. Evil people, stupidity and accidents are a reality. You will never be able to create enough laws to maintain a Utopia.