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I oppose Measure 114 in Oregon because it violates our constitutional rights to bear arms. I'm concerned that it introduces a permit system that gives too much discretionary power to the police, which could lead to biased decisions on who can own guns. Moreover, I feel it fails to address the root causes of gun violence effectively and could disproportionately limit access to firearms for minority groups, exacerbating existing inequalities. I left a state with one of the strictest gun control laws in the US, yet I personally know people who have been threatened with firearms from those who should have not had them in the first place. Acquiring a firearm legally there is difficult, and obtaining a permit to carry was either next to impossible, or prohibitively expensive and takes far too long. Please don't let this state become California, with citizens having little ability to defend themselves and criminals running rampant knowing that.