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I oppose this legislation, in short, for being in direct violation of the second amendment of our countries constitution.

Meaningful gun control is possible, but arbitrary magazine capacity limits that only apply to civilians, adding additional financial barriers, and requiring further interaction with local law enforcement on top of all the currently required steps to obtain a firearm are all things that impose classist authoritarianism, and exploits institutionalized racism, sexism, and classism against current and future citizens of this state.

If the state really cared about curbing firearm related deaths, which are overwhelmingly self inflicted wounds - johns hopkins among other sources report up to 80% of firearm deaths are suicides - more efforts should be spent on mental health programs, affordable housing, and other social programs that are proven to have a return on investment in communities and statewide. It is proven that social and economic prosperity curbs violence and suicide, two of the biggest contributors to firearms related deaths. Additionally, a magazine of any size will not stop someone from committing violence on themselves, or others.

Additionally, a provision in this measure includes retroactively punishing citizens which violates the ex post de facto clause in the constitution. It is unfathomable to me how a state could wish to retroactively punish any of it's citizens for non-violent, non-criminal, actions retroactively.

I strongly oppose many components of HB 3075 and Measure 114. Items like a 72 hour required waiting period for purchase of a firearm is extremely reasonable and is proven to lower suicide deaths. More legislation in this direction is more universally supported and should be implemented, without this myriad of additional laws. Pro-gun and anti-gun lobbyists who care about their own agenda and political interests will not be of any help to the state or it's citizens. Common sense, single issue referendums would be much more efficient.