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On Behalf Of:
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I am a progressive. I am also a veteran who honorably served this country (USCG 2016-2022) who loves the state of OR and all it stands for. I stand for the rights of LGBTQ+, women, POC, immigrants, and other minorities who are currently under threat by our federal government, some state governments, and emboldened white supremacist and Nazi groups across our country. And I absolutely oppose this bill and similar efforts that curtail the rights of the common working-class citizen to utilize their 2nd Amendment rights. If you want to talk about measures that would help without trampling the rights of ordinary Oregonians to defend themselves, let's talk redirecting state funds to free firearms safety and education classes available to the public. Let's talk taxes on recreational goods to incentivize and fund the purchase of gun safes for peoples homes.

Ronald Reagan would be proud of this bill and Measure 114. It's the same type of legislation he passed to prevent POC from defending themselves against a violently racist police force. The department that denied Martin Luther King Jr's application for a concealed carry permit after his home was bombed would also be proud of this legislation. It's the type of legislation that allowed them to leave the civil rights leader defenseless.

Karl Marx believed the working class should never be barred firearms and ammunition; "under no pretext". Democrats need to realize that the 2nd Amendment isn't just for Republicans, it's for them as well. More progressives are becoming gun owners now than ever before. Additionally, many Republicans are single-issue voters on the 2nd Amendment. Democrats would likely be shocked at how quickly many Republicans would switch sides if they dropped their performative and uninformed position against firearms ownership and instead pushed for safety awareness, education, training, and safe storage incentives.

Very Respectfully,

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