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Our community as a whole already doesn't trust the police but now with this legislation we are giving them the ability to arbitrarily determine who can or cannot be armed. The requirements put forth for being armed are also little more than a wealth tax, but for all the people/families who don't have the affluence to be able to spend hundreds of dollars simply to be capable of applying to get a firearm they will find themselves needing to choose between necessities like food, medicine, etc., and whether they are able to protect themselves.

10 round magazine capacity restrictions are also another wealth tax, very few firearms have those standard and many of us invested hundreds or thousands of dollars into magazines that will become illegal and will need to purchase many more 10 round magazines (\$\$\$) to be able to have the same capacities. Not to mention how many studies on the matter have shown that magazine capacity restrictions end up being little more than a way for police to target marginalized/minority groups for biased policing with serious criminal charges associated. Arbitrary refusals from police will result in lgbtq people, racial minorities, etc., facing significantly more harms both from by the police but also by making them more vulnerable to harm in general.

Doing all of this during the rise of fascism when virtually everyone to the left of fascism is more than ever desiring the ability to defend themselves is beyond moronic. This legislation won't make or keep the state safe, it will only punish those trying to remain lawful and it will push the state towards being more purple/red in response which will bring its own set of serious harms to Oregon communities. I have witnessed how many people who voted for 114 have come to regret their votes and as such I am confident that the narrowly passed 114 vote being codified now will result in all sorts of backlash including.

Please, stop giving people reason to view democrats as nothing more than controlled opposition and please do something actually meaningful to benefit their lives instead of creating harmful legislation that alienates more voters. Times change, opinions change, and it's time to stop focusing on gun control when there are other much more concerning things in our peoples lives than limiting their capacity to readily defend themselves/loved ones or putting the ability to defend oneself/their loved ones into the hands of arbitrary and biased policing. Y'all might see the police as the infallible good guys, but I promise you that Oregon communities do not share that view.