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Many legally obtained firearms use magazines with baseplates, whether they are 10 plus round “high capacity” or not. In fact, many hunting magazines are converted 10 round mags with baseplates to make them compliant 5 round magazines for hunting in Oregon. Sometimes, that’s the only magazine option, depending on the firearm, so this law deems perfectly legal hunting firearms as illegal to use in public because of the baseplate on the magazine. A senseless law, like measure 114, makes millions of long-time legal firearm users and hunters in Oregon criminals because they have no alternative magazine options to use in many of their firearms. Some firearms literally don’t have “compliance” options to continue using them legally when an outlandish law like 114 is passed. Just like the rifles, most handguns are deemed useless due to the baseplate portion of the law. Most handguns come with 12-17 round magazines and a baseplate restrictor is the only way to reduce those magazines to the compliant 10 rounds. The gun frame is often too big or long for a 10 round mag to even possibly fit, which is why baseplate restrictors are necessary to continue using these types of firearms after a horribly written law is passed.

In addition to making Oregonians instant misdemeanor criminals, this outlandish law is a financial burden for many. Many Oregonians have thousands of dollars invested in these firearms, and now, this law deems them unusable in public where they enjoy using them for recreation and hunting, because many of them, again, lack magazine alternatives. This is a huge financial blow that can’t be recuperated.

Measure 114 is not even remotely an answer to combat public safety concerns like suicide and homicide. Both acts can be committed with 10 rounds or less. They are also likely still carried out by individuals who didn’t go get a permit to purchase because they, instead, just steal the firearm from strangers or family members alike. It also gives criminals a leg up when legal firearms owners have to defend themselves with miniature magazines against criminals with 30-60 round magazines.

All that measure 114 accomplishes is it decreases many Oregonians quality of life that enjoy responsible firearms use and hunting by taking away their favorite activities and deem their large financial investment worthless. It’s a sad personal stab at millions of Oregon's law abiding citizens.

The state should spend this kind of energy and money in combatting vehicular homicide/manslaughter from drinking and driving, an actual high fatality issue that the state endures. Oregon could be making a real positive difference, for once, in preserving life by combatting drunk driving instead of just hindering citizens with

useless firearms measures that make millions of innocent Oregonians criminals over night via measure 114.

Please reconsider the permanent impact this measure has on your citizens and go back to the drawing board to create real public safety measures.