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Testimony in Opposition to Measure 114

Dear members of the committee,

I stand before you today to express my strong opposition to Measure 114. While I recognize the importance of ensuring safety in our communities, I believe that this measure, particularly its restrictions on magazines and the heightened regulations it proposes, could inadvertently place my family in a dangerous situation, especially in my absence. Furthermore, I believe that Measure 114 is unconstitutional and infringes upon my rights guaranteed by the Second Amendment.

I am a hardworking individual who spends a significant portion of my day away from home. While I am at work, my family is at home, and it's in these moments of vulnerability that we need the most protection. Under Measure 114, I would no longer be able to use the tools I rely on to ensure my family's safety. The inability to use high-capacity magazines could limit my ability to effectively defend my loved ones in a worst-case scenario.

Imagine a scenario where an intruder enters our home. If the intruder is armed and poses a threat to my family, I would need to respond swiftly and effectively. Under the proposed restrictions of Measure 114, I could be left with fewer rounds to protect my family, or worse, be in a situation where my firearms are less effective in a high-stress, dangerous environment.

As a responsible gun owner, I take every precaution to secure my firearms, and I have undergone extensive training to ensure I can use them safely and effectively if necessary. Limiting my ability to protect my family could leave us vulnerable, especially in situations where every second counts.

Beyond the practical concerns, I also believe that Measure 114 is unconstitutional. The Second Amendment of the United States Constitution guarantees the right of the people to keep and bear arms. By restricting the capacity of magazines, Measure 114 undermines this fundamental right. The ability to own and use firearms for self-defense is a cornerstone of American liberty, and these types of restrictions are a direct violation of that right.

Measure 114 fails to take into account the unique circumstances many families face, particularly in areas where law enforcement may not be immediately available or

where response times could be too slow to prevent harm. While we all want to reduce gun violence, I believe this measure inadvertently puts my family at greater risk by restricting my ability to protect them when I am not there.

I ask you to reconsider this measure, and instead, focus on policies that promote responsible gun ownership while also ensuring the safety of those who need it most. Please protect our constitutional rights and allow law-abiding citizens like myself to maintain our ability to defend our homes and families.

Thank you for your time and consideration