

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Oregon Measure 114, which imposes unnecessary and unconstitutional restrictions on law-abiding gun owners. While I understand the intent to enhance public safety, this measure unfairly penalizes responsible citizens while doing little to deter criminals who do not follow gun laws.

The permit-to-purchase requirement creates unnecessary bureaucratic hurdles, disproportionately affecting low-income individuals and marginalized communities. It also places excessive power in the hands of law enforcement agencies, which may result in delays or denials based on subjective criteria rather than objective standards.

Furthermore, the restrictions on magazine capacity violate the Second Amendment

and fail to consider the practical needs of responsible gun owners for self-defense and sporting purposes. Criminals, by definition, do not obey laws, and restricting magazine size will not prevent violent crime—it will only hinder law-abiding citizens from adequately protecting themselves and their families.

Rather than targeting responsible gun owners, policymakers should focus on enforcing existing laws, addressing mental health issues, and holding criminals accountable for their actions. Public safety is a priority for all of us, but Measure 114 is not the right approach.

I urge you to reconsider this measure and pursue policies that respect constitutional rights while effectively addressing crime and violence. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Debbie

