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To whom it may concern,

I'm the co-owner of NW Firearms & Tactics LLC and resident in OR, I also volunteered with the police from 16-21 yrs old, been doing armed security since 2013 and I'm currently with a security company contracted out to DHS.

Although I am for citizens who can legally own a gun, I do believe in gun laws. However with that being said, this isn't one of them.

Both 114 and HB 3075 are gun laws that have no real evidence that they will reduce crime. I know the people who are backing these say they will but the truth is it's only making it harder for law abiding citizens to own a firearm.

I have met plenty of people who have had to save up to purchase a firearm and save up to take a class on how to properly handle a firearm. This is just making it harder for them. Let's be really honest here, we all know criminals do not follow the laws. These bills do nothing at stopping criminals from committing a violent crime.

Over the years people want to blame the firearm for a violent crime and not the actual person behind it. HB 3075 and 114 again do nothing on preventing a criminal from using a firearm. What these two do is prevent the potential victims from defending them self's. The single mom's, single women who live in bad areas, women who have stalkers, hunters, companion shooters and so on.

In the beginning of 2024 Portland OR had a higher violent crime rate than Seattle and San Francisco combined, and it wasn't because law abiding citizens owned firearms. It was because the criminals weren't following laws and allowed to basically roam free after being let out of jail/prison early and/or given a lesser charge.

Is there gun violence and does it need to be stopped? Yes! But instead of making laws that don't make sense, we need to come together and look at the really issues at hand. Most people don't know that the statistics on gun violence also includes people who are using a firearm to protect them self's.

Reducing the amount of rounds in a magazine and forcing people to jump through more hurdles to legally own a firearm does nothing on preventing gun violence, it's just making it easier for the criminal element to find victims. I've spoken to plenty of criminals who have violently attacked people. Every time they have said they go after

people who can't fight back/protect them self's.

Do I believe if you own a firearm that you should have training on how to properly handle and store one? Yes. However forcing people to do so and then forcing them to have a 10 round magazine that isn't a standard capacity magazine and having to have a permit to purchase a firearm isn't right and isn't the correct way of doing it. You have to already go through a background when purchasing a firearm. In 9 out of 10 times when a firearm is used in a crime it was illegally obtained by the offender.

Also criminals have been caught with make shift guns out of pcv pipe or metal pipes. If a violent offender wants to hurt someone they will with anything they can find.

I've had a friend who was a victim in the Clackamas mall shooting, she didn't blame the gun, she didn't think it could have been prevented from making it harder for people to purchase gun. She actually was hoping someone with a concealed carry permit was there to stop the shooter, but sadly to say there wasn't. If you do a deep dive you will find plenty of almost mass shootings prevented because a law abiding citizen had a firearm on them when the attack began.

So as a resident of OR who does believe in gun laws, I aplore you to reconsider these bills. They do not help the law abiding citizens.

Thank you,