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The election on measure 114 was closer than the presidential election, and now, after the 2024 election, people are feeling differently about the world and their safety, including about owning a gun. I voted for measure 114, but now I regret my decision, as I do my vote for Measure 110, which has been changed by the Oregon Legislature. Many people, including BIPOC and LGBTQ+ people, want a sense of protection that comes from owning a firearm more than they did in the past. I am in full agreement with closing the Charleston loophole. Some people have made decisions that should bar them from having guns, and this shows up in a state background check. I do not agree that there needs to be a limit on magazine capacity, and if compromise on this is politically needed, then I would advocate for making there be a permit required for higher magazine capacity, like there is for suppressors. If police can have high capacity magazines, why not responsible citizens? I would advocate that if having a CHL is OK, then having a high capacity magazine should be OK. How many CHL holders have caused problems with their guns? How many Oregonians that own their firearms legally have used them in an illegal manner? I believe the answer is a tiny fraction. I voted for 114, but regret my decision. It should be noted that the appeals court reported in error that most self-defense weapons do not have a capacity of over 10 rounds; that is not true. Most self-defense guns, like the best selling Glock 17 and 19, have standard capacities over 10 rounds and have been made since the 1980s. I am also advocating that there be a provision to make it legal for someone having mental distress to let a trusted friend hold onto their firearm until they feel better, supporting safety and openness. There are more deaths from suicide than homicide, and I think some people would rather let their friend hold onto their firearm, than to turn it over to authorities. I work with many veterans, and this is an approach that many of them support. Please consider these statements with an open mind.

Thank you,

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