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My name is Eric Helie, and I'm a long time resident of Oregon, an outdoorsman, a business owner and a law abiding citizen. When Measure 114 passed by narrow margins I felt a deep sense of oppression as a resident in Oregon. Due to the vagueness of this new law I am now potentially deemed a criminal for something that I purchased in a legal and law abiding way. I took the appropriate training to be a registered Concealed Carry licensee. I have never been convicted of a crime and yet now, because of exceeding my right as an American Citizen to bear arms, I will be viewed as a criminal. Under these new proposed guidelines I now have to either discard my firearms (that were payed for and registered legally for) that are not able to be legal or make large investments/losses to have these firearms now in my possession.

I'm deeply troubled by this new mandate. I feel sympathy for the instances that included gun violence and would be in support of a system that made sense, but this new measure is an absolute catastrophe. Criminals will still do what they want (as a they have a no regard for the law to begin with), this only hurts those who are law abiding. No afterthought was given for this measure to be implemented, as we've seen with the lack of preparation and "scrambling" that our legislators and law enforcement agencies are now haphazardly creating to meet deadlines. On these notions alone this measure should not pass as it imposes a threat to our freedoms as law abiding citizens, both public and private affiliates.