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Subject: Concerns Regarding the Constitutionality of Oregon Measure 114

I am writing to express my deep concerns regarding the constitutionality of Oregon Measure 114, specifically its provisions that impose significant burdens on law-abiding citizens seeking to exercise their Second Amendment rights. I believe this measure infringes upon the original intent of the Second Amendment and deviates from the fundamental principles upon which our nation was founded.

The Second Amendment of the United States Constitution states, "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." This amendment was designed to protect the individual's right to own and possess firearms, not merely for militia purposes, but as a safeguard against potential government overreach and to ensure the ability of citizens to defend themselves.

Measure 114 introduces requirements that place undue burdens on law-abiding citizens, creating significant obstacles to the purchase of firearms. These obstacles, including required training and permitting, effectively create a system where the exercise of a constitutionally protected right is subject to excessive governmental control. This deviates from the core principle that the Constitution is fundamentally about limiting the power of government, not about granting us our inalienable rights. The founding fathers intended the Second Amendment to be a bulwark against tyranny and a guarantee of individual liberty. They understood that an armed citizenry is essential to maintaining a free society. The implementation of measures that create significant barriers to firearm ownership undermines this fundamental principle.

I urge you to consider the constitutional implications of Measure 114 and to recognize the importance of protecting the rights of law-abiding citizens. The focus should be on addressing the root causes of gun violence, rather than imposing restrictions that disproportionately affect those who have not committed any crimes.

Sincerely,  
Daniel D.